



## NURSE FACULTY LOAN PROGRAM FACT SHEET

The purpose of the Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP), which began in 2003, is to increase the number of qualified nursing faculty by providing loans to students enrolled in the MSN Nursing Education or Post-Graduate Nurse Educator Certificate. After graduation, 85% of the total NFLP loan is forgiven over a consecutive four-year period while loan recipients serve in a full-time nurse faculty capacity (multiple part-time positions equivalent to full-time) at an accredited school of nursing (i.e., baccalaureate or higher degree, associate degree, or diploma schools of nursing).

### Eligible Borrowers

To be eligible to receive a NFLP loan, a borrower must:

- Be a citizen of the U.S. or a lawful permanent resident of the U.S. and its territories.
- Have no judgment liens entered against them based on the default on a Federal debt.
- Be enrolled as a student in good standing in an advanced nurse education program at the school.
- Maintain “good academic standing” according to the school while enrolled in the advanced nurse education program.
- Be a part-time or full-time student in the MSN Nursing Education or Post-Graduate Nurse Educator Certificate.
- Maintain enrollment for a minimum of two consecutive terms/semesters, either full-time or part-time, during an academic year while receiving the NFLP loan support. Students enrolled in the last year of the program are not required to enroll for two terms/semesters if program requirements are met.
- The NFLP is not a need-based program, therefore financial records are not required to determine eligibility, but a FAFSA must be completed each year that funds are requested.

### Making NFLP Loans to Students

- Kennesaw State University, hereafter referred to as “the school,” will make NFLP loans to eligible students for the cost of tuition, fees, books, practicum expenses, and other reasonable education expenses.

- The school will offer full support, or the amount requested by the student, to cover the full or partial tuition/fees on a first-come, first-served basis for an academic year until funds are expended.
- A NFLP loan may not exceed \$35,000 per student for any academic year and is not to exceed five years of support to an individual.
- Subject to availability of funds and the borrower maintaining good academic standing, the loan will be made annually for the period required to complete the plan of study.
- *The borrower must sign a promissory note prior to each disbursement of loan funds.*
- The borrower must complete the specified education component(s) to graduate from the **MSN Nursing Education or Post-Graduate Nurse Educator Certificate**.
- In addition to NFLP support, students may receive support from other Federal programs provided that the funds are not used to cover the same costs.

### **Cancellation**

The school will cancel an amount up to 85% of the principal and interest of an NFLP loan over a consecutive four-year period as follows:

- Upon completion by the borrower of each of the first, second, and third year of full-time employment as a faculty member in an accredited school of nursing, the school will cancel 20% of the principal and interest on the NFLP loan, as determined on the first day of employment.
- Upon completion by the borrower of the fourth year of full-time employment as a faculty member in an accredited school of nursing, the school will cancel 25% of the principle of an interest on the NFLP loan, as determined on the first day of employment.
- *To receive loan cancellation, the borrower must submit the “Request for Partial Cancellation of Loan” form to the lending school, Kennesaw State University, at the end of each complete year of full-time employment as faculty at a school of nursing.* The “Request for Partial Cancellation of Loan” form is available on the Wellstar School of Nursing website (Nurse Faculty Loan Program) as well as on the NFLP website via the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) website.

### **Repayment**

- The NFLP loan is repayable over a ten-year period beginning twelve months after the borrower completes the advanced nurse education program, ceases to be



enrolled as a student in the advanced nurse education program, or ceases to be employed in a full-time nurse faculty capacity.

### **Interest**

- The NFLP loan will bear interest on the unpaid balance at the rate of 4% per annum beginning three months after the borrower graduates from the **MSN Nursing Education or Post-Graduate Nurse Educator Certificate programs**.
- The NFLP loan will bear interest at the prevailing market rate if the borrower fails to complete the advanced nurse education program or fails to serve as a nurse faculty member for the consecutive four-year period.

*Disclosure: The general information offered in this document is believed to be correct, but the applicant is responsible for understanding the financial commitment and all obligations of the loan agreement. Please read the promissory note and other documents located in NFLP appendices carefully for more detailed NFLP information.*