Educating America’s Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and Federal Support for Nursing Education

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Nurse Practitioners (NP)  
- 63,756 NP Students  
- 15,358 NP Graduates

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA)  
- 4,230 CRNA Students  
- 1,328 CRNA Graduates

Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS)  
- 2,349 CNS Students  
- 794 CNS Graduates

Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNM)  
- 1,456 CNM Students  
- 419 CNM Graduates

Nurses must have completed the content in a baccalaureate program before moving into an APRN program.

Two preparation options:
- Master’s degree: ~2 years full-time
- Doctor of Nursing Practice: ~3 years full-time

Extensive clinical and didactic training
- Clinical training depends on the APRN program and can occur in a host of healthcare settings from the hospital to the community clinic.
Historical Context and Current Federal Funding Streams for Nursing Education
For 50 years, the programs have supported the supply and distribution of registered nurses at all levels.

The programs serve as the largest dedicated source of federal funding for nursing education and workforce development.


GOAL: Increase the practicing RN population to 850,000 by the year 1970.

Nurse Training Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-581)

Authorized $238 million.

Appropriated $9.92 million in its first year.

President Johnson observed that the Nurse Training Act of 1964 was the most significant nursing legislation in the history of the country.
Major Programs within Title VIII

- Advanced Nursing Education (Sec. 811)
- Nursing Workforce Diversity (Sec. 821)
- Nursing Education, Practice, Quality, and Retention (Sec. 831)
- NURSE CORPS Nursing Loan Repayment and Scholarship (Sec. 846)
- Nurse Faculty Loan Program (Sec. 846)
- Comprehensive Geriatric Education (Sec. 855)
# 10-Year Historical Title VIII Funding

## (In Millions)

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Awardees receive up to $50,000 in exchange for two-years of service if they practice in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).

The scholarship pays tuition, fees, other educational costs, and provides a living stipend in return for a commitment to work at least 2 years at an approved outpatient facility in a medically underserved community.

1993

- Nursing leaders suggest sustainable funding for graduate nursing education during the Clinton health reform discussions.

2009

- American Association of Colleges of Nursing, American Nurses Association, the APRN community, and AARP recommend a free standing Graduate Nurse Education Program.
- Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Representative Lois Capps (D-CA) introduce the Medicare Graduate Nursing Education Act (S. 1569, H.R. 3185-111th Congress).

2010

- Affordable Care Act (ACA) passes with the Graduate Nurse Education (GNE) Demonstration included.
Questions