Funding for Allied Health Professions

This guide is to inform those studying Allied Health Professions of the funding available. Please note that the information below only applies to those with funding from Student Finance England. For information about funding from other UK nations, please see ‘further guidance’ below.

From September 2020, students studying towards an Allied Health Profession are entitled to funding from both Student Finance and the NHS. A full list of eligible courses can be found here: https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/career-planning/study-and-training/considering-or-university/financial-support-university

Student Finance England Funding
- Tuition Fee Loan of up to £9,250
- Maintenance Loan of up to £9,488 depending on household income (minimum £4,422)
- Long Courses Loan of up to £102 for each week over 30 weeks and 3 days
- Grants for dependants (Parent’s Learning Allowance, Childcare Grant, Adult Dependents Grant)
- Support with disabilities through the Disabled Student Allowance.

NHS Funding
From September 2020 the NHS have introduced a new non-means tested Training Grant which is paid in addition to the above. This is split into several elements:
- £5,000 each academic year for all eligible students, including students who started their course prior to September 2020
- £1,000 each academic year for NEW eligible students who are studying one of the prioritised shortage group subjects below:
  - mental health nursing
  - learning disability nursing
  - radiography (diagnostic and therapeutic)
  - prosthetics and orthotics
  - orthoptics and podiatry

The NHS Training Grant is part of the NHS Learning Support Fund which can also offer the additional support below:
- Parental Support of £2,000 for students with at least one dependent child under 15 years, or under 17 years if registered with special educational needs (this used to be called Child Dependants Allowance)
- Reimbursement of excess costs incurred on practice placement for travel and temporary accommodation costs (Travel and Dual Accommodation Expenses)
- Students experiencing financial hardship (Exceptional Support Fund)

For information and to apply please see: https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-learning-support-fund

Further guidance
For information regarding funding available in other nationalities, please see below:
Wales: https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/
Northern Ireland: https://www.studentfinanceni.co.uk/
Scotland: https://www.saas.gov.uk/
For further guidance on applying for NHS funding contact The Advice Centre:
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