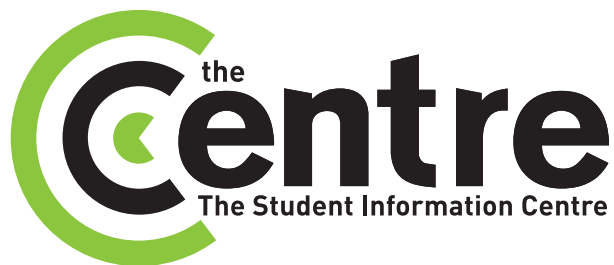


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## A Money Doctors Guide

for Faculty of Health students



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This leaflet aims to guide you through the funding available to Faculty of Health students on Pre-Registration Diploma and Degree courses. It aims to provide you with information to enable you to access all the funding you are entitled to.

The information in the leaflet is correct at the time of going to press. For up to date information please refer to the following websites

- [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students) for NHS bursary information
- [www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance) for student loan information relevant to degree students and seconded students

Finance and Welfare Rights Advisers are available to help you with any financial problems you may have and to give you advice on managing your money. If you are unsure about anything concerning money then do not hesitate to drop in to the Student Information Centre or telephone us.

This guide gives an overview of the financial support available for Faculty of Health students, undertaking a course in Pre-Registration Nursing, Midwifery or Operating Department Practitioner (ODP).

Please also refer to 'A Money Doctors Guide to Making the Most of Your Income' for information and advice on additional financial support and guidance on money management.

### Tuition Fees

The NHS currently pay tuition fees on behalf of eligible students who are undertaking a course in Pre-Registration Nursing, Midwifery and ODP.

### NHS Bursary

There are two types of NHS bursary:

#### Non-Income assessed

- For students on Nursing, Midwifery and Operating Department Practitioner (ODP) **Dip HE courses.**

This bursary is not means tested against household income and is paid at the same rate for students who live at the parental home and elsewhere. It comprises of an allowance to cover day to day living costs, such as accommodation, general living expenses etc. The annual award is divided into 12 monthly instalments, usually paid on the 3rd Friday of every month, with two payments paid in advance when you start your course.

#### Income assessed

- For students on Nursing and Midwifery **Degree courses.**

This bursary is means tested against your household income and is paid at two different rates, depending on whether you live at the parental home or elsewhere. The amount of bursary you receive could be reduced depending on your household income. Visit [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students) for information relating to figures used in the calculation of income assessed awards.

There are a number of additional allowances which you may apply for in addition to the basic bursary award. See below for a brief description of those allowances.

## **Additional allowances for students who commenced courses from 1st September 2007 onwards**

### **Parent Learning Allowance**

All students who have dependent children may apply for this allowance. The allowance is means tested and the household income will be taken into account in deciding if you are eligible.

## **All NHS funded students can apply for the following additional allowances**

### **Dependants Allowances**

Dependants Allowance may be payable for dependants, who are wholly or mainly financially dependent on you during your time in training. Your husband or wife ( or unmarried partner in the case of an independent student), your children and other adults are taken into account. This allowance is means tested and the income of all your dependants, net of allowable deductions, is taken into account in deciding if you are eligible for this allowance.

### **Practice Placement Expenses**

Normal travel between your home and Edge Hill is not reimbursed. However, part of your course will include practice placements which will involve you training in hospitals or community health services rather than in a classroom. The cost of your journeys between your term-time residence and practice placement site may be reimbursed where appropriate providing the cost is in excess of your normal daily travel costs from your term-time residence to the Ormskirk site ( or Manchester site for ODP students based in Manchester).

You can obtain a Practice Placement Expenses form from the Faculty of Health which you will need to return back to the Faculty of Health administration team by 20th of each month. They then check the expenses claimed on the form and send it to the NHSBSA. You should note that it can take 8 – 10 weeks to receive your travel expenses.

### **Disabled Students Allowance**

This is intended to cover the extra costs of specialist equipment and support necessary to enable you to study. It is important to let Edge Hill know if you have a disability and need extra help or equipment to complete your course. For further information, contact Hazel Devereux, Inclusion Team Manager on 01695 58 4746.

### **Child Care Allowance (CCA)**

If you have dependent children you will be eligible to apply for a CCA. This allowance is available to students with dependent children aged under 15, or aged under 17 for children with special educational needs on the first day of the academic year. The level of support you receive will be dependent on your individual circumstances as this is means tested against your household income.

The childcare must be provided by a registered childcare provider. The allowance pays up to 85% of your actual childcare costs subject to certain maximum levels.

### **Maternity Bursary**

Students taking authorised absence from training for reasons of pregnancy and childbirth or if they are formally adopting a child or children may continue to receive their existing NHS bursary payments for up to 45 weeks, depending on individual circumstances.

For further information please contact NHSBSA on [0845 358 6655](tel:0845 358 6655). Alternatively you can contact Julie Rimmer, Academic Registry Bursary Administrator, on [01695 58 4792](tel:01695 58 4792)

### Care Leavers

You may be eligible for some additional support. Please help us to help you by informing us that you are a care leaver when you register at University and that you are happy for us to contact you. Alternatively you can talk to your dedicated member of the Student Services team:

Joan Blee      T: **01695 584395** E: **bleej@edgehill.ac.uk**

### Student Loans (Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills) DIUS

Students who qualify for a non-income assessed bursary are not eligible for a student loan.

However, students who qualify for an income assessed bursary may be eligible for a reduced rate student loan. NHS income assessed bursaries are not intended to cover all of your requirements, so you are encouraged to consider carefully whether you will need a loan to avoid hardship during your course. You can apply for a reduced rate student loan via [www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance). You should note that you are not entitled to a maintenance grant or any supplementary grants via DIUS.

Seconded NHS students are not entitled to an NHS bursary. However, seconded students may be eligible for the full rate student loan as well as other DIUS grants/allowances, including the Disabled Students Allowance (DSA). You can apply for DIUS student support via [www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance). This support will be assessed against household income

The Student Financial Support Team are part of Student Services, and are based in the Student Information Centre.

### USEFUL CONTACTS

#### The Student Financial Support Team

T: 01695 58 4452

E: [financialadviceteam@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:financialadviceteam@edgehill.ac.uk)

#### Edge Hill NHS Bursaries Administrator - Julie Rimmer

T: 01695 58 4792 E: [rimmju@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:rimmju@edgehill.ac.uk)

#### Student Information Centre, Information Desk

T: 01695 58 4554

#### Inclusion Team Manager - Hazel Devereux

T: 01695 58 4748

E: [devereuxh@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:devereuxh@edgehill.ac.uk)

#### To apply/enquire about NHS bursaries:

NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA)

T: 0845 358 6655

W: [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students)

#### To apply for a student loan/DIUS support:

T: 0845 300 5090

W: [www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance)