

## **Nurse Faculty Loan Program**

### **FACT SHEET**

#### **Moravian University MSN Students**

Moravian University has been approved for the continuation of its Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP), receiving a federal grant from the Division of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). An agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, HRSA is committed to improving the health of the nation's people. The NFLP provides for loans to nurses who are full-time or part-time graduate students who will serve as full-time nurse faculty, full-time-equivalent adjunct faculty, and/or nurse practitioner practice partners (i.e., preceptors) upon graduation. The program allows for up to 85% cancellation of the loan for those who serve in educator roles, as defined by Moravian University's program, over a 4-year period. MSN Students in the Nurse Educator program or any of the Nurse Practitioner programs are eligible to apply for an NFLP Loan.

#### **What is the NFLP Loan?**

The NFLP will award funds for tuition, fees, and books to eligible student for the 2023-2024 academic year and may be renewed for a maximum of 5 years, contingent on the availability of HRSA funding. The MSN borrower is potentially able to cancel a maximum of 85% of the accessed NFLP funds if employment as an educator begins within 9 months of graduation. The borrower can receive loan forgiveness for 20% of the loan for each of 3 consecutive years, with another 25% of the loan forgiven after the 4<sup>th</sup> year. At that point only 15% remains to be repaid. If the loan recipient does not fulfill employment obligations, the loan must be repaid at the prevailing market rate.

#### **How Can I Get a Nurse Faculty Loan?**

To receive an NFLP loan, the prospective awardee must complete an NFLP application and be approved.

The NFLP loan recipient will need to meet the following requirements.

- Be a U.S. citizen or national or a lawful permanent resident of the U.S.
- Enroll full-time or part-time in Moravian University's MSN program.
- Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Have no judgment liens entered against him or her based on a federal debt while receiving the loan.
- Promise to serve as full-time nurse faculty, full-time-equivalent adjunct faculty, or practice partner (i.e., preceptor) for nurse practitioner students.
- Sign a Promissory Note with the Moravian Financial Aid Services
- Attend a preceptor orientation or educational sessions

#### **Additional Information on Loan Cancellation Eligibility**

The NFLP loan is repayable over 10 years beginning 9 months after the borrower completes MSN program requirements, is no longer a student in the program, and/or does not serve in a designated educator role after graduation. The maximum amount for an NFLP loan is \$35,500 per student per academic year. The loan amount will accrue at an interest rate of 3% per year on the unpaid balance. If the MSN student does not complete his or her program or fails to meet employment requirements the prevailing interest rate will be applied to loan repayment.

To meet the requirements for loan cancellation, the student must be employed as an educator in one of three possible roles, as described in the following table of loan forgiveness eligibility examples.

<b>NFLP Borrowers Employment Eligibility for Loan Cancellation: Examples</b>	
<b>HRSA NFLP Requirements</b>	<b>Moravian University Descriptions</b>
1. Employment as a full-time faculty member	Employment as a full-time nursing faculty member with teaching, scholarship and service obligations as defined by the University and SON; Employee benefits received.
2. Employment as part-time/adjunct faculty member in combination with other part-time positions that equate to full-time employment	<p>Employment as part-time clinical faculty with multiple approaches for full-time equivalent teaching workload:  <u>Examples:</u>  <u>Classroom Only:</u> Six, 4-credit courses or 24 credits per academic year = 12 contact hours/week over 32 weeks per academic year (16 weeks per semester) <i>Total Classroom Contact Hours = 384 Contact Hours</i></p> <p><u>Clinical Only</u> - 4 Clinical Groups of Students per year = 192 contact hours per group per semester x 4 Clinical Groups per academic year  <i>Total Clinical Contact Hours = 768 Contact Hours</i></p>
3. Employment as designated joint-appointment faculty as a full-time NP preceptor in an academic-practice partnership framework	<p>Employment as an NP practice-partner who negotiates a contract with his or her employer to serve as a full-time equivalent preceptor for NP students in the SON for 400 hours per year, i.e. academic partner  <u>Examples:</u>  <u>Preceptor of NP Students</u> - Serving as a preceptor for 4 students per year for clinical practicum experiences that are 100 contact hours.</p> <p><u>Preceptor of NP Students</u> – Serving as a preceptor for 2 students per year for clinical practicum experiences that are 200 contact hours.</p>