

Health Care Studies Funding - 2011/12 entry



NHS Funded Health Care courses

- Physiotherapy BSc
- Radiography BSc
- Radiotherapy & Oncology BSc
- Occupational Therapy BSc/PG Diploma
- Operating Department Practice Diploma
- Assistant Radiographic Practice Cert.

See Note 1

Support for living costs

The Student Loan

The maximum loan is £2,324 each year (Or £1744 if you live in the parental home). The loan is reduced by £500 in the final year.

Entitlement to the loan is **not** affected by household income or by previous study in HE.

Other support See Note 3

Via the NHS Bursary

Extra Allowances if you have –

- Children,
- An adult dependant,
- Registered childcare costs
- Learning support needs due to a disability or dyslexia

Via the University

Financial Contingency Fund grants

Support for tuition fees

The NHS pays tuition fees regardless of family income.

Support for Placement costs

Support for travel costs to attend placements, and in some cases dual accommodation costs, is income assessed against 'household income'.

See Note 2

Support for living costs See Note 2

The Basic NHS Bursary

The maximum basic NHS Bursary is £2,810 per year and this is assessed against 'household income'.

Household Income	NHS Basic Bursary for living costs
£24,279 or less	£2810*
£30,000	£2163*
£35,000	£1637*
£40,000	£1111*
£45,000	£584*
£50,000	£58*

*£82 per week is added to the Bursary for each extra week of attendance. Health Care Studies courses usually have extra weeks of attendance in one or each year of study.

See Note 2

Note 1

The rates of Bursary etc in this guide are based on 2010/11 entry. As yet we are not aware of any changes to the rates for 2011/12 entry. We are also not aware of any changes to NHS Funding from 2012 onwards. There may be a review of NHS funding for 2012 entry. Please check our web pages for updates.

To qualify for NHS Funding you **must** be allocated a NHS Funded place by the University and you must have 'settled status' and have lived in the UK for 3 years prior to the course. Previous study in Higher Education does not affect eligibility for NHS Funding.

NHS Funded Postgraduate Diploma and Part-time Occupational Therapy students are eligible to apply for NHS Funding for tuition fees, living & placement costs but are not eligible for the Student Loan. The maximum Bursary for part-time study is 75% of the full-time rate. Operating Department Practice and Assistant Radiographic Practice students are usually funded via a NHS Trust for tuition fees & placement costs and receive a salary for living costs so are not eligible for the NHS Bursary and Student Loan. Part-time students who do not get a NHS Funded place may be eligible to apply for funding via the Student Loans system.

Note 2

'Household income' is gross taxable income. This will include the income of your parents or your spouse or partner if applicable. If the income is above £50,000 p.a. this may reduce help with placement costs. If you live in the parental home while studying the maximum Bursary is £2,346 p.a. and the Extra Weeks allowance is £54 per week.

The income of your parents will not be assessed if you are treated as 'independent' i.e. you are married or you're in a Civil Partnership OR you have care of children OR you are estranged from your parents or your parents cannot be traced OR you have been financially self-supporting for 3 years prior to the start of your course.

You apply for the NHS Bursary via the NHS (Wales) Student Awards Unit wherever you are from in the UK. Telephone (029) 2019 6167 or go to www.nliah.wales.nhs.uk/

Note 3

If you have children or an adult dependant you can apply for income assessed '**extra allowances**' via the NHS Bursary scheme including help with registered childcare costs. We have a full funding guide about 'Extra Allowances for NHS Funded students with a family' on our web pages below.

If you anticipate that you will have extra costs or needs related to your studies and a disability or dyslexia you have the option to apply for 'Disabled Students Allowances' which are non income assessed. Please contact the Disability & Dyslexia team, Student Support Centre to find out more.

All home UK students can also apply to the University Financial Contingency Fund for possible top-up grant support. Check with the Student Support Centre about this Fund after enrolment.

For further information and advice go to

www.studentsupportcentre.cardiff.ac.uk and links 'Advice' & 'Funding' OR

Phone the Student Support Centre on (029) 2074 2070 or (029) 2087 4844

OR email [studentsupportcentre@cardiff.ac.uk/](mailto:studentsupportcentre@cardiff.ac.uk)