

Nursing and Midwifery Students - 2023 entry

I am studying on the Child, Adult, Mental Health, Nursing/Midwifery degree BSc/PG Diploma. What money am I entitled to?

If you are an eligible Home student you will have to apply to Student Finance England (SFE) for a fee loan to cover your fees and a maintenance loan to cover your living costs. Please note SFE support is only available to students who are **NOT** on studying as an apprentice.

The Maintenance Loan is for your day-to-day living costs including rent, course costs and travel to university for example. The first part of it isn't based on your household income, but you can apply for more than this. There are different rates of Maintenance Loan based on your individual circumstances:

- For those not eligible for Welfare Benefits
- Students eligible for Welfare Benefits

How much Maintenance Loan will I receive?

For students who are not eligible for Welfare Benefits the following amounts of Maintenance Loans are available:

2023-24	Main Rate 100%	Non-income Assessed	Income Assessed
Living away from parents: studying in London	£16,058	£6,485	£9,573
Living with parents	£9,962	£3,698	£6,264

I am in receipt of Welfare Benefits. How much will I receive?

A very small group of students may maintain their eligibility for Welfare Benefits whilst studying on a full time course, (such as lone parents). If you think this applies to you, seek advice from the Student Welfare Advice Team. See below for the amount of Maintenance Loan available:

2023-24	Main Rate 100%	Non-income Assessed	Income Assessed
Living away from parents: studying in London	£ 17,238	£6,485	£10,753
Living with parents	£11,472	£3,698	£7,774

Can I claim money for my dependants?

Yes. There are additional allowances paid by SFE each year for students who have dependants. These include the following:

- **Adult Dependant Allowance (non repayable)** This is a means-tested grant for students who have a partner or another adult who is financially dependent on them. Max £3,354 per year.
- **Childcare Grant (non repayable)** This is a means-tested grant for students who have to pay for childcare. The grant covers a large proportion of the cost of 'registered' or 'approved' childcare. The maximum grant payable is £188.90 for one child or £323.85 for two or more children per week.
- **Parent Learning Allowance (non repayable)** This is an additional means-tested grant for students with dependent children. The maximum grant payable of £1,915 per year.

How do I apply for all this support?

You apply in the same way that you apply for the Fee Loan, online at: www.gov.uk/student-finance

When you fill out your application you will also have to provide the following documentary evidence:

- National Insurance Number
- Birth Certificate/UK Passport number
- Household income details
- Student Bank Account details

How do I pay back my Fee Loan and Maintenance Loan?

You will not start repaying your loan until you have finished your course and your income is over £25,000 a year. You'll have deductions made from your salary through the tax system.

Will these loans attract interest?

Yes, interest on your loan will be based on inflation (RPI-all items index)

Note: The loan debt will be written off after 40 years.

Is there any other support available from the University?

Yes. Students can also apply for the University's **Living Cost Fund (LCF)**. This is a discretionary, fund targeted towards students experiencing hardship. Any award is non-repayable. For other scholarships Middlesex offer see: www.mdx.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/fees/scholarships

Am I entitled to any other money?

Eligible students can get additional non-repayable support from the:

NHS Learning Support Fund (LSF)

- Parental Support (£2000 grant per year)
- Travel and Dual Accommodation Expenses
- Exceptional Support Fund (up to £3000 grant per year, applications are means tested. You need to apply to the University LCF first)

Please note, the LSF is not automatically available if you are required to repeat all or part of a year. If you have to repeat studies due to extenuating circumstances (EC) your Program Team would need to update the NHS on your EC's so your request for additional funding can be considered. Further information can be found here: www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/learning-support-fund

Details on how to submit your Travel Expenses can be found here: <https://unihub.mdx.ac.uk/support/fees-payments-funding/financial-support/nhs-funding-and-nursing-student-travel-claims>

Completed Exceptional Support Fund applications and supporting evidence need to be e-mailed to j.cring@mdx.ac.uk. We will then complete the University section of the application.

NHS Training Grant

An annual non-repayable NHS training grant is available to eligible students. Students can receive £5,000 a year in additional funding towards maintenance and associated study costs.

There is an additional £1000 for new students on certain courses. At Middlesex University this would be students studying on:

- mental health nursing

Combined courses that include one of these shortage courses. For example, adult and mental health nursing, will also qualify for the £1,000 payment.

I already have a degree, will I still be eligible for a student loan?

Yes. Nursing is an exception to the general funding rules, so you will still be eligible to receive a full student loan and tuition fee support, even if you already have a degree in another subject and are a home student.

When should I apply?

You should apply for your student loan from SFE as soon as possible.

I am disabled or have a Specific Learning Difficulty (SpLD). Do I get extra help?

Yes, there are Disabled Students Allowances available to assist disabled students who have extra needs that arise from attending their course. These allowances are not means-tested and cover specific areas such as dyslexia and other specific learning difficulties as well as mental and physical disabilities. You can apply through the Student Finance England website.

Can I claim benefits?

Most full time students are **not** entitled to claim benefits. There are exceptions - if you are disabled or if you are a lone parent you may have some limited benefit entitlement. Your change in circumstances may mean that you are transferred on to Universal Credit.

Any questions?

Contact the Middlesex University Student Welfare Advice Team on 020 8411 3008 between 11am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm Mon to Fri, or submit an enquiry at <https://unihub.mdx.ac.uk/support/unihelp> (use the subject Student Welfare Advice in the enquiry) or make an appointment at <https://unihelponline.mdx.ac.uk/#/offlineBookAppointmentService/MzAw//MTY=/>

Look at our Welfare Advice Guide information leaflets at: unihub.mdx.ac.uk/welfare-guides

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