

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
Accelerated Nursing Program Report
From the College of Health Sciences
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[Pursuant to W.S. 21-17-121]

To the Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee

Program Overview

The Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing offers an accelerated baccalaureate program preparing prior non-nursing baccalaureate degree students for the Bachelor's of Science in Nursing degree to enable them to become a registered nurse. This bachelor's program, started in the summer of 2008, is called BRAND (Bachelors Reach for Accelerated Nursing Degree).

The State of Wyoming Legislature established an educational loan repayment program for accelerated students in the BRAND program in 2009 (W.S. 21-17-121). Under this statute the University of Wyoming was authorized to provide five loans up to \$25,000 for full-time students enrolled in the BRAND program. The funding is divided over a four-semester period. Students receiving support from the state are then obligated to engage in professional practice as a registered nurse for two years or repay all amounts expended by the state for the student's education.

Required Report

W.S. 21-17-121 (c) – Under this provision, like the WWAMI program, the University's Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the President of the University, may relieve a student from repayment of a loan provided under this section for undue hardship. The provision requires the University to report to the Committee the number of students who have been relieved of the obligation to repay the loan.

W.S. 21-17-121 (f) - On or before October 1 of each year, the university shall submit a report to the joint labor, health and social services interim committee on expenditures from the account during the prior fiscal year.

Loan Repayment Update

Nine students were awarded the \$25,000.00 loan from the 2010 funding. Of those students, 5 graduated in August 2010 and are in the grace period. Four are currently enrolled. No students have been relieved of their obligation to repay the loan.

Status	Home City	City of Practice
Grace	Green River	
Grace	Casper	
Grace	Buffalo	
Grace	Laramie	
Grace	Laramie	
Enrolled	Lovell	
Enrolled	Wilson	
Enrolled	Casper	
Enrolled	Laramie	

FY10 – Fiscal report

The first students supported through the loan program have just graduated from the program and are in the grace period. Consequently, no funds have been repaid to the university.