

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
Accelerated Nursing Program Report
From the College of Health Sciences
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[Pursuant to W.S. 21-17-122(c) and (f)]

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 program, started in the summer of 2008, is called BRAND (Bachelors Reach for Accelerated Nursing Degree) and takes 15 months to complete.

The State of Wyoming Legislature established an educational loan repayment program for accelerated students in the BRAND program in 2009 (W.S. 21-17-122). Under this statute the University of Wyoming was authorized to provide five loans annually of up to \$25,000 each 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 obligated to engage in professional practice as a registered nurse for two years in Wyoming or repay all amounts expended by the state for their education.

Required Report

W.S. 21-17-122 (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 Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee the number of students who have been relieved of the obligation to repay the loan.

W.S. 21-17-122 (f) - On or before October 1 of each year, the university shall submit a report to the committee on expenditures from the account during the prior fiscal year. Funds from students who repay their loans flow into this account. As of June 30, 2012, five students are making monetary payments to satisfy their loan contract and none of those contracts have yet been paid in full. \$57,835.48 in loan principal has been canceled due to service. No expenditures have been made from the account.

Loan Repayment Update

State funding for the current biennium totals \$225,000, which is sufficient to support nine students during a two year period. In FY2012, four loans in the amount of \$25,000 each were given to new participants, and five payments at \$2,500 each were given as final loan payments for the previous year's participants, for a total of \$112,500 in FY2012.

Eighteen students have been supported by the BRAND loan payment program since it was established. The table below summarizes the current status of those students/graduates as of June 30, 2012. Four students are currently enrolled (Enrolled), one is in the grace period (Grace), six are paying off the loan in service (Deferred for Practice), five are making monetary payments (Repayment) and two have completed

their contractual obligation to Wyoming (Completed for Practice). No students have been relieved of their obligation to repay the loan.

Status	Home Town	City of Practice
Deferred for Practice	Cheyenne	Rock Springs
Deferred for Practice	Jackson	Jackson
Deferred for Practice	Laramie	Laramie
Deferred for Practice	Lovell	Laramie
Deferred for Practice	Riverton	Lander
Deferred for Practice	Wilson	Jackson
Enrolled	Casper	
Enrolled	Cheyenne	
Enrolled	Jackson	
Enrolled	Laramie	
Grace	Casper	
Completed for Practice	Buffalo	Buffalo
Completed for Practice	Cody	Cody
Repayment	Casper	
Repayment	Green River	
Repayment	Kaycee	
Repayment	Torrington	
Repayment	Wheatland	