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48 AUTHORITY: Implementing and authorized by the Nursing Education Scholarship Law [110  
49 ILCS 975].

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51 SOURCE: Recodified from 77 Ill. Adm. Code 597 (Department of Public Health) pursuant to  
52 P.A. 102-699, at 47 Ill. Reg. 7031; amended at 48 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_.

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54 SUBPART A: GENERAL PROVISIONS

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56 Section 2749.10 Summary and Purpose

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58 a) Nursing Education Scholarships (NES) encourage those seeking degrees,  
59 certifications, and higher credentials in the nursing field to pursue education to  
60 increase both the number of nurses and nurse educators in Illinois, which is  
61 important to the health, welfare and safety of Illinois citizens. The scholarship  
62 helps ensure that financial considerations do not prevent qualified and potential  
63 nurses from pursuing their nursing education.  
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65 b) This Part establishes the rules which govern Nursing Education Scholarships.  
66 Additional rules and definitions are contained in General Provisions, 23 Ill. Adm.  
67 Code 2700.

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69 (Source: Added at 48 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

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71 **Section 2749.1510 Definitions**

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73 *"Academic year" means the period of time from September 1 of one year through*  
74 *August 31 of the next year or as otherwise defined by the academic institution.*  
75 *(Section 3(6) of the Law)*

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77 *"Accepted for admission" means a student has completed the requirements for*  
78 *entry into an associate degree in nursing program, associate degree in applied*  
79 *sciences in nursing program, hospital-based diploma in nursing program,*  
80 *baccalaureate degree in nursing program, graduate degree in nursing program,*  
81 *or certificate in practical nursing program at an approved institution, as*  
82 *documented by the institution. (Section 3(10) of the Law)*

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84 *"Advanced practice registered nurse" or "APRN" means a person who has met*  
85 *the qualifications for a certified nurse midwife (CNM), certified nurse*  
86 *practitioner (CNP); certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA); or clinical*

87 nurse specialist (CNS) and has been licensed by the Department of Financial and  
88 Professional Regulation. (Section 50-10 of the Nurse Practice Act [225 ILCS  
89 65])  
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91 "Approved institution" means a public community college, private junior college,  
92 hospital-based diploma in nursing program, or public or private college or  
93 university, or online institution, with a pre-licensure nursing education program  
94 that is physically located in this State that has approval by the Department of  
95 Financial and Professional Regulation for an associate degree in nursing  
96 program, associate degree in applied sciences in nursing program, hospital-  
97 based diploma in nursing program, baccalaureate degree in nursing program,  
98 graduate degree in nursing program, or certificate in a practical nursing  
99 program or a post-licensure nursing education program approved by the Illinois  
100 Board of Higher Education or any successor agency with similar authority.  
101 (Section 3(3) of the Law)  
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103 "Associate degree in nursing program" or "hospital-based diploma in nursing  
104 program" means a program offered by an approved institution and leading to an  
105 associate degree in nursing, associate degree in applied sciences in nursing, or  
106 hospital-based diploma in nursing. (Section 3(7) of the Law)  
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108 "Baccalaureate degree in nursing program" means a program offered by an  
109 approved institution and leading to a bachelor of science degree in nursing.  
110 (Section 3(4) of the Law)  
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112 ~~"Business day" means any day, including Monday through Friday. It does not  
113 include a federal or State government declared holiday, Saturday or Sunday.~~

114 ~~"Calendar day" means all days in a month or prescribed time frame. It includes  
115 weekends and federal or State government declared holidays.~~

116 ~~"Certificate of Naturalization" means a document issued by the U.S. Department  
117 of Homeland Security that demonstrates the person named in the certificate has  
118 obtained U.S. citizenship through naturalization.~~

119 ~~"Class rank" is the measure of how a student's performance compares to other  
120 students in the same class.~~

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122 "Continuous attendance" means enrollment in an approved institution's nursing  
123 program (as a full-time or part-time student), for an entire academic year and for  
124 the total duration of time it takes the student to complete the nursing degree or  
125 certificate up to the maximum number of years the recipient is eligible to receive  
126 the scholarship. Continuous attendance need not be maintained for the summer  
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130 term. Continuous attendance shall be deemed to have been broken if the student  
131 goes more than one semester, quarter or trimester without successfully completing  
132 a nursing-related course.

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134 ~~"Default" means failure to meet the legal obligations or conditions of the~~  
135 ~~scholarship. Default occurs when the recipient:~~

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137 ~~voluntarily withdraws from school;~~

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139 ~~is dismissed from school due to academic failure (as defined by the~~  
140 ~~school);~~

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142 ~~does not maintain the Continuous Attendance requirement (see Sections~~  
143 ~~597.10, 597.235, or 597.240);~~

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145 ~~fails to become licensed in Illinois as a Practical Nurse, Registered~~  
146 ~~Professional Nurse, or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (as~~  
147 ~~applicable); or~~

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149 ~~fails to fulfill the nursing employment obligation or nurse educator~~  
150 ~~employment obligation.~~

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152 "Deferment" means the temporary ~~delay or~~ postponement, for a limited amount of  
153 time, of a recipient's repayment obligation after the repayment period has begun.  
154 Approved reasons for deferment are limited to specific circumstances~~continuous~~  
155 ~~attendance requirement, nursing employment obligation, or nurse educator~~  
156 ~~employment obligation.~~

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158 ~~"Department" means the Illinois Department of Public Health. (Section 3(2) of~~  
159 ~~the Law)~~

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161 "Direct patient care" means care of a patient provided by an advanced practice  
162 registered nurse, a registered nurse, or a licensed practical nurse. Direct patient  
163 care may involve any aspect of the health care of a patient, including treatment,  
164 counseling, in-service for self-care, education, and administration of medication.

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166 ~~"Director" means the Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health.~~  
167 ~~(Section 3(9) of the Law)~~

168  
169 "Educational loan" means any loan guaranteed by the Illinois Student  
170 Assistance~~State Scholarship~~ Commission under the Higher Education Student  
171 Assistance Law, any education loan made by an institution of higher education  
172 from the proceeds of a loan to the institution by the Illinois Finance Authority

173 *under the Higher Education Loan Act, or any other loan from public funds made*  
174 *for the purpose of financing an individual's attendance at an institution of higher*  
175 *education. (Section 1(a) of the Educational Loan Default Act [5 ILCS 385])*  
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177 *"Enrollment" means the establishment and maintenance of an individual's status*  
178 *as a nursing student in an approved institution, regardless of the terms used at the*  
179 *institution to describe such status. (Section 3(5) of the Law)*  
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181 ~~"Expected Family Contribution" or "EFC" is an estimate of the student's (for a~~  
182 ~~dependent student, their parent's or guardian's) ability to pay the costs of a year of~~  
183 ~~post-secondary education. The EFC is also used to determine a student's~~  
184 ~~eligibility for need-based federal student aid. The EFC is included on the Student~~  
185 ~~Aid Report and Institutional Student Information Record, which are sent after a~~  
186 ~~student files a Free Application for Federal Student Aid.~~  
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188 "Extension" means extending, for a limited amount of time, the period of time  
189 within which the employment obligation must be fulfilled. Approved reasons for  
190 an extension are limited to specific circumstances.  
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192 *"Fees" means those mandatory charges, in addition to tuition, that all students*  
193 *enrolled in a nursing program must pay, including required course or lab fees.*  
194 *(Section 3(11) of the Law)*  
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196 ~~"Free Application for Federal Student Aid" or "FAFSA" means an application that~~  
197 ~~helps students to determine eligibility for financial aid. Information on FAFSA~~  
198 ~~can be obtained at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).~~  
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200 *"Full-time nursing employment" means providing direct patient care of at least 24*  
201 *hours per week for those persons working weekend shifts, or 35 hours or more per*  
202 *week for those working weekday shifts.*  
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204 *"Full-time nursing student" means a student who is enrolled in a nursing program*  
205 *for at least 12 credit hours per term or as otherwise determined as full-time by the*  
206 *academic institution. (Section 3(12) of the Law)*  
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208 ~~"General Education Development" or "GED" means tests which, when passed,~~  
209 ~~provide certification that an individual has U.S. high school level academic skills.~~  
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211 ~~"GED Passing Score" means an individual earned a score that demonstrated skills~~  
212 ~~equivalent to high school graduates. Individuals who earn a GED passing score~~  
213 ~~are eligible to earn a high school equivalency credential.~~  
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215 ~~"Grade point average" or "GPA" means a measure of a student's academic~~

216 ~~achievement, calculated by dividing the total number of grade points received by~~  
217 ~~the total number of grade points attempted.~~

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219 *"Graduate degree in nursing program" means a program offered by an approved*  
220 *institution and leading to a master of science degree in nursing or a doctorate of*  
221 *philosophy in nursing, doctorate of nursing, doctorate of nursing practice,*  
222 *doctorate of nursing science, doctorate of nursing education, or doctorate of nurse*  
223 *anesthesia practice. (Section 3(8) of the Law)*

224  
225 ~~"Grant Agreement" means the written instrument defining a legal relationship~~  
226 ~~entered into between the Department and a grantee.~~

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228 ~~"Grantee" means a person which may use scholarship funds from this program.~~

229  
230 "Health care facility" means a facility in Illinois where a scholarship recipient  
231 fulfills the recipient's nursing employment obligation and includes, but is not  
232 limited to, a health care professional's office, hospital or local health department.

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234 "Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Advisory Board" shall have the meaning  
235 ascribed in the Nurse Practice Act. (Section 75-15 of the Nurse Practice Act)

236  
237 "Illinois resident" means a person who has been *a resident of Illinois for at least*  
238 *one year prior to applying for a scholarship and is a citizen or lawful permanent*  
239 *resident alien of the United States. (Section 5(1) of the Law)*

240  
241 ~~"Law" means the Nursing Education Scholarship Law [110 ILCS 975]. (Section~~  
242 ~~3(13) of the Law)~~

243  
244 "Lawful permanent resident ~~alien~~" has the same meaning as "eligible noncitizen"  
245 as defined in 23 Ill. Adm. Code 2700.20~~means a person who is not a citizen of the~~  
246 ~~United States but who resides in the United States under legally recognized~~  
247 ~~requirements and has lawfully recorded permanent residence as an immigrant.~~

248  
249 *"Licensed practical nurse" means a person who is currently licensed as a licensed*  
250 *practical nurse by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation under*  
251 *the Nurse Practice Act. (Section 3(18) of the Law)*

252  
253 "Living expenses" means room and board, miscellaneous fees, books,  
254 transportation and commuting costs. This amount is adjusted annually based  
255 upon the *uniform living allowance reported in the weighted Monetary Award*  
256 *Program (MAP) from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. (Section 7 of*  
257 *the Law)*

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259 "Mean-Weighted Average Tuition and Fees" means the tuition and mandatory  
260 fees used for the Illinois public universities and community colleges by the  
261 Illinois Student Assistance Commission for purposes of Monetary Award  
262 Program (MAP) grants.

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264 ~~"Monetary Award Program" or "MAP" means a grant awarded by the Illinois~~  
265 ~~Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) that provides payment toward tuition and~~  
266 ~~mandatory fees for Illinois residents to attend an Illinois college.~~

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268 ~~"Naturalization" means the process in which a person not born in the United~~  
269 ~~States voluntarily becomes a U.S. citizen.~~

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271 ~~"Null and void" means that a scholarship application submitted to the Department~~  
272 ~~has no legal force and is invalid.~~

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274 *"Nurse educator" means a person who is currently licensed as a registered nurse*  
275 *by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation under the Nurse*  
276 *Practice Act, who has a graduate degree in nursing, and who is employed by an*  
277 *approved academic institution to educate registered nursing students, licensed*  
278 *practical nursing students, and registered nurses pursuing graduate degrees.*  
279 (Section 3(23) of the Law)

280  
281 "Nurse educator employment" means employment by an approved academic  
282 institution in Illinois to educate nursing students.

283  
284 *"Nurse educator employment obligation" means employment in this State as a*  
285 *nurse educator for at least two years for each year of scholarship assistance*  
286 *received under Section 6.5 of the Law. (Section 3(24) of the Law)*

287  
288 *"Nursing employment obligation" means employment in this State as a registered*  
289 *professional nurse, licensed practical nurse, or advanced practice nurse in direct*  
290 *patient care for at least one year for each year of scholarship assistance received*  
291 *through the Nursing Education Scholarship Program. (Section 3(14) of the Law)*

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293 ~~"Official transcript" means transcripts that have been received directly from the~~  
294 ~~institution (either through the mail or electronically) or have been issued to the~~  
295 ~~applicant or recipient in a sealed envelope, which shall remain sealed until its~~  
296 ~~arrival at the Department. The transcript shall include the institution's official~~  
297 ~~seal, the date transcript was issued and the registrar's signature.~~

298  
299 "Part-time nursing employment" means providing direct patient care for between  
300 17.5 hours and 34 hours per week.

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302 *"Part-time student" means a person who is enrolled for at least one-third of the*  
303 *number of hours required per term by a school for its full-time students. (Section*  
304 *3(15) of the Law)*

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306 ~~*"Permanent resident card" or "Green card" means the holder of this card has been*~~  
307 ~~*granted authorization from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to live and*~~  
308 ~~*work in the United States on a permanent basis.*~~

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310 *"Practical Nursing Program" means a program offered by an approved*  
311 *institution and leading to a certificate in practical nursing. (Section 3(16) of the*  
312 *Law)*

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314 *"Prerequisite course" means a course requirement (determined by the approved*  
315 *institution) that a student must meet to demonstrate readiness for enrollment in*  
316 *nursing education.*

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318 ~~*"Quarter" means a term within an academic year that marks the beginning and end*~~  
319 ~~*of classes. Quarters are eight to ten weeks in duration and there are four quarters*~~  
320 ~~*in an academic year.*~~

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322 *"Registered professional nurse" means a person who is currently licensed as a*  
323 *registered professional nurse by the Department of Financial and Professional*  
324 *Regulation under the Nurse Practice Act. (Section 3(17) of the Law)*

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326 *"Renewal" or "Scholarship renewal" means a continuation of a past scholarship in*  
327 *reference to the same degree or certificate sought. Renewal does not apply to a*  
328 *prior scholarship recipient who wishes to pursue a higher nursing degree after*  
329 *receiving assistance on a previous nursing degree or certificate.*

330  
331 ~~*"School term" means an academic term, such as a semester, quarter, or trimester,*~~  
332 ~~*or number of clock hours, as defined by an approved institution. (Section 3(19)*~~  
333 ~~*of the Law)*~~

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335 ~~*"Semester" means a term within an academic year that marks the beginning and*~~  
336 ~~*end of classes. Semesters are 15 to 16 weeks in duration and there are two*~~  
337 ~~*semesters in an academic year.*~~

338  
339 ~~*"Student Aid Report" or "SAR" is a summary of the student's FAFSA responses*~~  
340 ~~*and includes the student's Expected Family Contribution.*~~

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342 *"Student in good standing" means a student enrolled in a nursing program is*  
343 *maintaining a cumulative grade point average equivalent to at least an academic*  
344 *grade of "C". (Section 3(20) of the Law)*



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~~"Submission of application" means a nursing education scholarship application has been received by the Department by the established deadline set forth in Section 597.110(b). Submission does not mean that the application is postmarked by the established submission deadline but arrives at the Department on a later date.~~

"Summer term" means a term within an academic year that marks the beginning and end of classes. The term is approximately four to nine weeks in duration and is typically offered during June, July and August of an academic year.

~~"Toll" or "Tolling" means to postpone or suspend the running of a specific time period.~~

*"Total and permanent disability" means a physical or mental impairment, disease, or loss of a permanent nature that prevents nursing employment with or without reasonable accommodation. Proof of disability shall be a declaration from the social security administration, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, Department of Defense, or an insurer authorized to transact business in Illinois who is providing disability insurance coverage to a contractor. (Section 3(21) of the Law)*

~~"Trimester" means a term within an academic year that marks the beginning and end of classes. Trimesters are 12 to 15 weeks in duration and there are three trimesters in an academic year.~~

~~"Tuition" means the established charges of an institution of higher learning for instruction at that institution. (Section 3(22) of the Law)~~

~~"United States citizen" means an individual born in the United States; Puerto Rico (on or after April 11, 1899); the Canal Zone or the Republic of Panama (on or after February 26, 1904); the Virgin Islands (on or after January 17, 1917); Guam (after April 11, 1899); or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (on or after November 4, 1986); foreign-born children, under age 18, residing in the U.S. with their birth or adoptive parents, at least one of whom is a U.S. citizen by birth or naturalization; and individuals granted citizenship status by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Immigration Service. (See <https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-12-part-a-chapter-2#footnote-6>)~~

~~"Waiver" means to permanently relieve a recipient's continuous attendance requirement, nursing employment obligation, or nurse educator employment obligation.~~

388 (Source: Section 2749.15 renumbered from 2749.10 and amended at 48 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_,  
389 effective \_\_\_\_\_)

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391 **Section 2749.20 Referenced Materials**

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393 The following materials are referenced in this Part:

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395 a) Illinois statutes:

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397 1) Nursing Education Scholarship Law [110 ILCS 975]

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399 2) Nurse Practice Act [225 ILCS 65]

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401 3) Board of Higher Education Act [110 ILCS 205]

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403 ~~4) Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law [20 ILCS~~  
404 ~~2310/2310-200]~~

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406 ~~45)~~ State Comptroller Act [15 ILCS 405]

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408 ~~56)~~ Educational Loan Default Act [5 ILCS 385]

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410 ~~67)~~ Higher Education Loan Act [110 ILCS 945]

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412 b) Illinois Administrative Rules ~~4)~~ Nursing and Advanced Practice Nursing Act –  
413 Advanced Practice Nurse (68 Ill. Adm. Code 1305)

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415 ~~2) Practice and Procedure in Administrative Hearings (77 Ill. Adm. Code~~  
416 ~~100)~~

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418 (Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

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420 **Section 2749.30 Administrative Hearings**

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422 ~~Hearings~~Administrative hearings conducted concerning the provisions of this Part shall be  
423 ~~conducted in accordance with Section 23 Ill. Adm. Code 2700.70 governed by the Department's~~  
424 ~~Practice and Procedure in Administrative Hearings.~~

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426 (Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

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428 **SUBPART B: ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION**

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430 **Section 2749.100 Eligibility**

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- a) To qualify for consideration, an applicant shall meet the eligibility criteria outlined in Section 5 or 6.5 of the Law showing that the applicant:
    - 1) For Nursing Scholarships
      - A) *Has been a resident of this State for at least one year prior to application, and is a citizen or a lawful permanent resident ~~alien~~ of the United States* (Section 5(1) of the Law); and
      - B) *Is enrolled in or accepted for admission to an Illinois school in an associate degree in nursing program, hospital-based diploma in nursing program, baccalaureate degree in nursing program, graduate degree in nursing program or certificate in practical nursing program at an approved institution* (Section 5(2) of the Law); and
      - C) *Agrees to meet the nursing employment obligation* (Section 5(3) of the Law);
    - 2) For Nurse Educator Scholarships
      - A) *Has been a resident of this State for at least one year prior to application and is a citizen or lawful permanent resident ~~alien~~ of the United States* (Section 6.5(a)(1) of the Law); and
      - B) *Is enrolled in or accepted for admission to a graduate degree in nursing program at an approved institution* (Section 6.5(a)(2) of the Law); and
      - C) *Agrees to meet the nurse educator employment obligation* (Section 6.5(a)(3) of the Law).
  - b) An individual is ineligible to receive the scholarship if the individual:
    - ~~1) Cannot meet the eligibility requirements in subsections (a)(1) or (a)(2);~~
    - ~~2) Pursues nursing education at a school that is not an approved institution in Illinois;~~
    - 13) Defaulted on an educational loan;

- 473            24)      Previously received a scholarship under this Part and was granted a waiver  
474            of the continuous attendance requirement (see Section ~~2749.235~~597.240)  
475            or a discharge waiver of the nursing employment obligation or nurse  
476            educator employment obligation (see Section ~~2749.335~~597.335); or  
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478            35)      Receives monies from other scholarship or loan funds requiring service  
479            commitments that would prevent the applicant from meeting the nursing  
480            employment obligation or nurse educator employment requirements of this  
481            Part.

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483            (Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)  
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485    **Section 2749.105 Notification (Repealed)**

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487            ~~a)      Notification of the opportunity to apply for the scholarship is available at the  
488            Department's website ([http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/life-stages-](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/life-stages-populations/rural-underserved-populations/nursing-education-scholarship-program)  
489            [populations/rural-underserved-populations/nursing-education-scholarship-](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/life-stages-populations/rural-underserved-populations/nursing-education-scholarship-program)  
490            [program](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/life-stages-populations/rural-underserved-populations/nursing-education-scholarship-program)).~~  
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492            ~~b)      Notification to prospective students and the public shall be considered to have  
493            been provided by publication of this notice.~~

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495            (Source: Repealed at 48 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)  
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497    **Section 2749.110 Application**

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499            a)      An application for an NES must be submitted annually and an applicant must also  
500            complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®). An ISAC  
501            application for an NES and a FAFSA must be completed and received by April 30  
502            immediately preceding the academic year for which the scholarship is being  
503            requested.~~Individuals can apply for the scholarship at:  
504            [https://idph.illinois.gov/nepmis/tblApplicationInformation/Show-](https://idph.illinois.gov/nepmis/tblApplicationInformation/Show-TblApplicationInformation.aspx?TblApplicationInformation=3PFT7naGpupBtZ9GdAquFw%3d%3d)  
505            [TblApplicationInformation.aspx?TblApplicationInformation=3PFT7naGpupBtZ9](https://idph.illinois.gov/nepmis/tblApplicationInformation/Show-TblApplicationInformation.aspx?TblApplicationInformation=3PFT7naGpupBtZ9GdAquFw%3d%3d)  
506            [GdAquFw%3d%3d](https://idph.illinois.gov/nepmis/tblApplicationInformation/Show-TblApplicationInformation.aspx?TblApplicationInformation=3PFT7naGpupBtZ9GdAquFw%3d%3d).~~  
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508            1)      An application will be available on ISAC's website (isac.org) from March  
509            1 through April 30 of each year. An applicant must provide demographic  
510            and educational program information on the application.  
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512            2)      If the NES application is incomplete, ISAC will notify the applicant. The  
513            applicant will then have until May 31 to furnish the missing information;  
514            however, the application will only be considered for processing as of the  
515            date the application is complete and received by ISAC.

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- ~~b) The Department will accept applications March 1 through April 30 of each year. Applications received after April 30 will not be considered.~~
  
- ~~e) In addition to the application, applicants shall submit the following documents to the Department:
  - ~~1) A copy of the applicant's acceptance letter to an approved institution's nursing program in Illinois. This letter is not required if the applicant's official transcripts demonstrate the applicant is taking nursing courses at an approved institution in Illinois;~~
  - ~~2) A copy of the applicant's Illinois driver's license or State issued identification card documenting that the applicant has been an Illinois resident at least one year prior to applying for the scholarship;~~
  - ~~3) A copy of the applicant's: birth certificate, U.S. passport, Certificate of Naturalization, or permanent resident card;~~
  - ~~4) A copy of the applicant's SAR;~~
  - ~~5) The applicant's official transcripts. If the applicant has a GED, the applicant shall furnish the GED certificate and GED passing score. Applicants who furnish a GED certificate will have their GED passing score converted to a GPA. The Department will use the following methodology to calculate the GPA: divide the GED passing score by the number of sections taken on the GED test to obtain an average, divide the average by the highest possible score available on the GED test to obtain a percentage, then multiply the percentage by the 4.0 grading scale;~~
  - ~~6) A copy of any previously earned nursing degree;~~
  - ~~7) A copy of the applicant's Illinois nursing license (if applicable); and~~
  - ~~8) A statement that the applicant has not defaulted on an educational loan.~~~~
  
- ~~d) When received, the Department will determine if the application is complete. A review will determine whether all applicable requirements have been addressed and whether all required materials and documentation have been submitted.
  - ~~1) If the application is complete, the applicant will be considered for a scholarship (see Section 597.220).~~~~

559 ~~2) If the application is incomplete, the Department will notify the applicant in~~  
560 ~~writing. The applicant will have until May 31 to submit requested~~  
561 ~~information or materials. If the applicant does not, within the time~~  
562 ~~prescribed by the Department, provide all requested materials and~~  
563 ~~information, the application will be null and void.~~  
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565 be) Each person applying for a scholarship shall be provided with a copy of Section 6  
566 or 6.5(e) of the Law at the time of application. (Sections 6 and 6.5(e) of the Law)  
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568 (Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)  
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### 570 SUBPART C: AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS

#### 571 **Section 2749.200 Scholarship Description**

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- 574 a) Scholarships shall be awarded to recipients at approved institutions in Illinois for  
575 the following time frames:  
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- 577 1) A student in good standing pursuing *an associate degree in nursing* may  
578 receive a scholarship for *up to 2* academic years. (Section 5 of the Law)  
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- 580 2) A student in good standing pursuing *a hospital-based diploma in nursing*  
581 may receive a scholarship for *up to 3* academic years. (Section 5 of the  
582 Law)  
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- 584 3) A student in good standing pursuing *a baccalaureate degree in nursing*  
585 may receive a scholarship for *up to 4* academic years. (Section 5 of the  
586 Law)  
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- 588 4) A student in good standing pursuing *a graduate degree in nursing* may  
589 receive a scholarship for *up to 5* academic years. (Section 5 of the Law)  
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- 591 5) A student in good standing pursuing *a certificate in practical nursing* may  
592 receive a scholarship for *up to one* academic year. (Section 5 of the Law)  
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- 594 6) A student in good standing pursuing *a graduate degree in nursing* to  
595 become a nurse educator may receive a scholarship for *up to 3* academic  
596 years. (Section 6.5(c) of the Law)  
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- 598 b) Awards for students at approved private institutions shall not exceed the tuition  
599 and fee charges at community colleges and universities statewide and the uniform  
600 living allowance reported in the weighted MAP budget for the academic year in  
601 which the scholarship is made. (Section 7 of the Law)

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- c) *Part-time awards shall be determined by applying the proportion represented by the part-time enrollment to full-time enrollment ratio to the average per term scholarship amount for a student in the same nursing degree category. (Section 7 of the Law)*
- d) Full-time awards for students pursuing an associate degree in nursing or a hospital-based diploma in nursing at an Illinois community college shall be determined by adding ~~*Using information provided annually by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, 75% of the weighted tuition and fees charged by community colleges in Illinois shall be added to the uniform living allowance reported in the weighted Monetary Award Program (MAP) budget to determine the full-time scholarship amount for students pursuing an associate degree in nursing or a hospital-based diploma in nursing at an Illinois community college.*~~ (Section 7 of the Law)
- e) *Scholarship amounts for students pursuing associate, baccalaureate or graduate degrees in nursing at a college or university shall include 75% of the weighted tuition and fees charged by public universities in Illinois plus the uniform living allowance reported in the weighted MAP budget. (Section 7 of the Law)*
- f) *Scholarship amounts for students in practical nursing programs shall include 75% of the average tuition and fee charges at all practical nursing programs plus the uniform living allowance reported in the weighted MAP budget. (Section 7 of the Law)*
- g) *Scholarship funds shall not be used for expenses incurred when the recipient must complete a prerequisite course or courses (as determined by the approved institution).*
- h) *Scholarship funds shall not be used for expenses incurred when the recipient must repeat an academic course or courses, if the repetition is necessary because the recipient has an academic performance below an acceptable level (as determined by the approved institution).*
- i) *Under the provisions of the State Comptroller Act [15 ILCS 405/10.05], recipients may have their scholarship funds offset to fulfill a delinquent State debt. The offset of funds shall not reduce, waive, defer or suspend a recipient's continuous attendance requirement, nursing employment obligation, or nurse educator employment obligation under this Part.*

(Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)



645 **Section 2749.210 Determination of Financial Need (Repealed)**

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647 ~~Financial need will be documented by means of a current Student Aid Report (SAR) supplied by~~  
648 ~~the applicant.~~

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650 (Source: Repealed at 48 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

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652 **Section 2749.220 Selection Criteria for Award of Scholarships**

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654 a) Nursing scholarship recipients will be selected based on the following:

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656 1) Recipients continuing with their nursing education (for the same nursing  
657 degree sought) from the previous academic year will receive preference  
658 over other applicants;

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660 2) *If in any year the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of*  
661 *scholarships to be awarded, ~~ISAC the Department~~ shall, in consultation*  
662 *with the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Advisory Board, consider the*  
663 *following factors in granting priority in awarding scholarships:*

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665 A) Financial need, as determined by information submitted by the  
666 applicant on the FAFSA and provided to ISAC by the U. S.  
667 Department of Education, ~~as shown on a current SAR,~~ of students  
668 who will pursue their education on a full-time or close to full-time  
669 basis and who already have a certificate in practical nursing, a  
670 diploma in nursing, or an associate degree in nursing and are  
671 pursuing a higher degree. (Section 5(3)(A) of the Law)

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673 B) *A student's merit, as shown through the student's grade point*  
674 *average, class rank, and other academic and extracurricular*  
675 *activities (Section 5(3)~~I(C)~~ of the Law), including, but not limited*  
676 *to:*

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678 i) A cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; or

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680 ii) Class rank in the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher.

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682 C) ~~The~~In the event of a tie, applicants having the fewest number of  
683 credit hours remaining for the applicant to complete the certificate,  
684 diploma or degree, beginning with those with the fewest remaining  
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- b) Nurse educator scholarship recipients will be selected based on the following:
- 1) Recipients continuing with their nursing education (for the same nursing degree sought) from the previous academic year will receive preference over other applicants;
  - 2) *If in any year the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of scholarships to be awarded, ~~ISAC the Department~~ shall, in consultation with the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Advisory Board, consider the following factors in granting priority in awarding scholarships:*
    - A) *Financial need, as determined by information submitted by the applicant on the FAFSA and provided to ISAC by the U.S. Department of Education, ~~as shown on a current SAR,~~ of students who will pursue their education on a full-time or close to full-time basis and who already have a baccalaureate degree in nursing and are pursuing a higher degree. (Section 6.5(b)(1) of the Law)*
    - B) *A student's status as a registered nurse who is pursuing a graduate degree in nursing to pursue employment in an approved institution that educates licensed practical nurses and that educates registered nurses in undergraduate and graduate nursing programs. (Section 6.5(b)(2) of the Law)*
    - C) *A student's merit, as shown through the student's grade point average, class rank, experience as a nurse, including supervisory experience, experience as a nurse in the United States military, and other academic and extracurricular activities (Section 6.5(b)(3) of the Law), including, but not limited to:*
      - i) A cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; or
      - ii) Class rank in the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher.
    - D) ~~The~~*In the event of a tie, applicants having the fewest* number of credit hours remaining for the applicant to complete the degree, beginning with those with the fewest remaining ~~will be awarded scholarships.~~
    - E) The date the completed application was received, beginning with the earliest date and then in date received order.

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- c) Scholarship awards shall be distributed as follows:
- 1) *At least 40% of the scholarships awarded shall be for recipients who are pursuing baccalaureate degrees in nursing;*
  - 2) *At least 30% of the scholarships awarded shall be for recipients who are pursuing associate degrees in nursing or a hospital-based diploma in nursing;*
  - 3) *At least 20% of the scholarships awarded shall be for recipients who are pursuing a graduate degree in nursing; and*
  - 4) *At least 10% of the scholarships awarded shall be for recipients who are pursuing a certificate in practical nursing. (Section 5 of the Law)*

(Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 2749.230 Student Enrollment and Institutions' Obligations**

a) An approved institution may accept a student into its nursing education program based on its own admission requirements, standards and policies. (Section 9(a) of the Law)

- a) The total amount of NES awarded to a qualified recipient in a given academic year, when added to other financial aid available to the qualified recipient for that year, shall not exceed the cost of attendance.
- b) If the recipient receives other assistance targeted specifically for tuition, fees, and living expenses, the combined assistance shall not exceed the total tuition, fees and living expenses incurred by the student, and if it does, the institution shall reduce one of the awards accordingly.
- c) If the recipient is eligible for assistance under MAP, the recipient may not be eligible for a full NES award because MAP must be factored into the financial aid package prior to receiving NES assistance. The institution, however, may request an NES award to finance tuition and fees not paid by MAP.
- db) ~~ISAC~~~~The Department~~ shall disburse available scholarship funds for tuition and fees and living allowance to the approved institution ~~directly for the payment of tuition and other necessary fees or for credit against the student's obligation for tuition and fees. If the Department disburses scholarship funds directly to an approved institution, the approved institution shall be contractually obligated to~~

773 *provide facilities and instruction to the student on the same terms as to other*  
774 *students. (Section 9(a) of the Law)*  
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- 776 ee) Upon receipt of the scholarship funds, the institution shall verify the recipient's  
777 enrollment status for the term for which the award was intended. If enrolled, the  
778 institution shall credit the scholarship funds to the recipient's account for expenses  
779 due and payable. The balance of the disbursement shall be released to the  
780 recipient. If the recipient has withdrawn from enrollment for the terms for which  
781 the award was intended, the institution shall return the amount of the scholarship  
782 payment to ISAC.~~An approved institution shall provide written notice to the~~  
783 ~~Department if any scholarship recipient who is enrolled in the approved~~  
784 ~~institution ceases to be a student in good standing. The notice shall be sent to the~~  
785 ~~Department within ten business days after the institution determines that the~~  
786 ~~student ceases to be in good standing. After the notification is received, the~~  
787 ~~Department will terminate the Grant Agreement and the recipient shall repay all~~  
788 ~~previously awarded scholarship funds (see Section 597.310).~~  
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790 (Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)  
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#### 792 **Section 2749.235 Deferment of Continuous Attendance Requirement** 793

794 ~~A request to defer a recipient's continuous attendance requirement shall be submitted in writing~~  
795 ~~to the Department. The request shall detail the reasons for the deferment and be accompanied~~  
796 ~~and supported by the documentation described in this Section. The Department may grant one~~  
797 ~~deferment per recipient.~~  
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- 799 a) A recipient must remain enrolled on a continuous basis during the regular school  
800 year for the total duration of the time it takes the student to complete the nursing  
801 degree or certificate up to the maximum number of years the recipient is eligible  
802 to receive the scholarship, unless granted a leave of absence.~~deferment will be~~  
803 ~~granted for up to one academic quarter, trimester or semester (except as otherwise~~  
804 ~~allowed by this Section) if the recipient provides documentation of a physical or~~  
805 ~~mental health disability that results in the recipient's temporary inability to fulfill~~  
806 ~~the continuous attendance requirement. Documentation shall include an~~  
807 ~~explanation from a licensed health care professional attesting to the recipient's~~  
808 ~~temporary inability to fulfill the continuous attendance requirement. If the~~  
809 ~~recipient's leave will exceed an academic quarter, trimester or semester, an~~  
810 ~~extension of the deferment will be granted based on documented medical need. In~~  
811 ~~no circumstance, however, would a deferment exceed 12 months.~~  
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813 b) A recipient may be granted a leave of absence by the president of the institution,  
814 or the president's designee, for the following reasons:  
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816 1) physical or mental health disability that results in the recipient's temporary  
817 inability to remain continuously enrolled, as established by the sworn  
818 statement of a licensed physician; or

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820 2) military service.

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822 ~~Recipients who are military reservists and are called to active duty will be granted~~  
823 ~~a deferment beginning on the activation date in the active duty order. The~~  
824 ~~recipient shall submit a copy of the order to active duty with the written request~~  
825 ~~for deferment. The duration of the deferment shall equal the recipient's period of~~  
826 ~~active military duty.~~

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828 e) ~~Recipients who receive a deferment shall have their continuous attendance,~~  
829 ~~scholarship assistance and service obligation requirements tolled. The tolling of~~  
830 ~~these requirements shall equal the recipient's period of deferment.~~

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832 d) ~~A recipient who does not request a deferment and who does not maintain the~~  
833 ~~continuous attendance requirement shall have his or her scholarship award~~  
834 ~~voided. The recipient shall be required to repay to the Department all scholarship~~  
835 ~~monies received (see Section 597.310).~~

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837 (Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

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839 **Section 2749.240 Waiver of Continuous Attendance Requirement (Repealed)**

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841 ~~A request to waive a recipient's continuous attendance requirement shall be submitted in writing~~  
842 ~~to the Department. The request shall detail the reasons for the waiver and be accompanied and~~  
843 ~~supported by documentation as described in this Section.~~

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845 a) ~~Reasons for the waiver can include the recipient's:~~

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847 1) ~~Total and permanent disability;~~

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849 2) ~~Incompetency; or~~

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851 3) ~~Death.~~

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853 b) ~~If a waiver is due to total and permanent disability, a formal request from a~~  
854 ~~physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician's assistant (who is~~  
855 ~~licensed to practice in the United States) is required. Accompanying this formal~~  
856 ~~request, proof of disability shall be:~~

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858 1) ~~A declaration from the Social Security Administration;~~

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860 2) ~~From the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission;~~  
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862 3) ~~From the U.S. Department of Defense; or~~  
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864 4) ~~From an insurer authorized to transact business in Illinois who is~~  
865 ~~providing permanent disability insurance coverage to a contractor.~~  
866 ~~(Section 3(21) of the Law)~~  
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868 e) ~~If a waiver is requested because the recipient is incompetent, the request shall be~~  
869 ~~supported by a certified copy of the adjudication from a State or federal court of~~  
870 ~~law. No claim for repayment may be filed against the estate of an individual~~  
871 ~~deemed incompetent. (Sections 6 and 6.5(d) of the Law)~~  
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873 d) ~~If the waiver is requested because of the recipient's death, the request shall be~~  
874 ~~supported by a certified copy of the recipient's death certificate. No claim for~~  
875 ~~repayment may be filed against the estate of a decedent. (Sections 6 and 6.5(d) of~~  
876 ~~the Law)~~  
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878 (Source: Repealed at 48 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)  
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880 SUBPART D: TERMS OF PERFORMANCE

881 Section 2749.300 ~~Work~~Grant Agreement

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884 a) Prior to receiving scholarship funding for any academic year, the qualified applicant must sign  
885 a Work Agreement/Promissory Note that is submitted to ISAC~~recipient shall enter into a binding~~  
886 ~~Grant Agreement with the State of Illinois agreeing to the provisions of the Law and this Part.~~  
887 The Work Agreement/Promissory Note shall include the following stipulations:  
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889 a) for fulfillment of the nursing employment obligation, the recipient pledges to  
890 begin working as a registered professional nurse, licensed practical nurse or  
891 advanced practice registered nurse providing direct patient care at a health care  
892 facility in Illinois within one year following completion of the postsecondary  
893 degree or license program for which the award funds were provided and continue  
894 working on a full- or part-time basis for at least one year for each year of  
895 scholarship assistance received. (See Section 2749.320.)  
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897 b) for fulfillment of the nurse educator employment obligation, the recipient pledges  
898 to begin working as a nurse educator at an approved institution in Illinois to  
899 educate nursing students within one year following completion of the graduate  
900 degree for which the award funds were provided and continue working on a full-

901 or part-time basis for at least two years for each year of scholarship assistance  
902 received. (See Section 2749.320.)

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- 904 b) *The Department may require a recipient to reimburse the State for expenses,*  
905 *including but not limited to legal fees, incurred by the Department or other agent*  
906 *of the State for a successful legal action against the recipient for a breach of any*  
907 *provision of the Grant Agreement (Section 4 of the Law).*
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- 909 e) *The scholarship award will not be final until the recipient and the Department*  
910 *have executed a Grant Agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of the*  
911 *grant, using the form prescribed by the Department. The Department will*  
912 *withdraw the scholarship award if a consensus cannot be reached on the terms of*  
913 *the Grant Agreement.*

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915 (Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

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917 **Section 2749.310 Repayment of Scholarship**

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- 919 a) Any recipient who fails to fulfill~~defaults on~~ the terms of the Work Grant  
920 Agreement shall pay to ISAC~~the Department~~ an amount equal to the amount of  
921 *scholarship funds received per year for each unfulfilled year of the nursing*  
922 *employment obligation or nurse educator employment obligation, together with*  
923 *interest at 7% per year on the unpaid balance. (Sections 6 and 6.5(d) of the*  
924 *Law)*
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- 926 b) Failure to fulfill the work obligation~~A default of the scholarship~~ shall include, but  
927 not be limited to:
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- 929 1) Misstatements in reporting information to ISAC~~the Department~~;
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- 931 2) Misrepresentation to ISAC~~the Department~~ for the purpose of obtaining a  
932 scholarship;
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- 934 3) Failure to maintain the continuous attendance requirement;
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- 936 4) Failure to complete nursing school, voluntary withdrawal from school or  
937 dismissal from school due to academic failure (as defined by the school);
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- 939 5) Failure to become a licensed nurse in Illinois; and
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- 941 6) Failure to fulfill the nursing employment obligation or nurse educator  
942 employment obligation.
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- 944 c) Repayment *must begin within 6 months following the date of the default action*  
 945 *initiating the repayment.* (Sections 6 and 6.5(d) of the Law)  
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- 947 d) Recipients who fail to fulfill their obligation~~in default~~ shall enter repayment status  
 948 on the earliest of the following dates:~~into a Contract for Repayment with the~~  
 949 ~~Department as soon as the reason for default has been established. The Contract~~  
 950 ~~for Repayment shall specify the amount due, the repayment schedule and all other~~  
 951 ~~terms of the cash repayment. Interest charges shall be completely waived if the~~  
 952 ~~recipient repays the total scholarship amount prior to the first payment due date.~~  
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- 954 1) the first day of the calendar month after the recipient has ceased to pursue  
 955 a course of study leading to an associate degree in nursing program,  
 956 hospital-based diploma in nursing program, baccalaureate degree in  
 957 nursing program, graduate degree in nursing program or certificate in  
 958 practical nursing program, but not before six months have elapsed after the  
 959 cessation of at least part-time enrollment in such a course of study;  
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- 961 2) the date the recipient informs ISAC that the recipient does not plan to  
 962 fulfill the work obligation; or  
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- 964 3) the day after the latest date upon which the recipient must have begun  
 965 working after completing the postsecondary education for which the  
 966 scholarship was awarded.  
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- 968 e) If a recipient fails to pay monies owed to ~~ISAC the Department,~~ ISAC~~the~~  
 969 ~~Department~~ *may require a recipient to reimburse the State for expenses, legal fees*  
 970 *and costs, incurred by* ~~ISAC the Department~~ *or other agent of the State for a*  
 971 *successful legal action against the recipient for a breach of any provision of the*  
 972 Work Grant *Agreement and refer the recipient to the Illinois Attorney General or*  
 973 *to a collection agency. The total 6-year interest shall be due if the recipient fails*  
 974 *to fulfill the repayment requirements and the case is settled through authorized*  
 975 *agencies outside* ~~ISAC the Department.~~ (Section 4 of the Law)  
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- 977 f) *All cash repayments must be completed within 6 years from the date of the first*  
 978 *annual cash payment.* (Sections 6 and 6.5(d) of the Law)  
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- 980 g) ~~ISAC The Department~~ *may allow a nurse educator employment obligation*  
 981 *fulfillment alternative if the nurse educator scholarship recipient is unsuccessful*  
 982 *in finding work as a nurse educator. The* Illinois Department of Public Health  
 983 (IDPH) *shall maintain a database of all available nurse educator positions in this*  
 984 *State.* (Section 6.5(d) of the Law) ~~The Department shall utilize the following~~  
 985 ~~Internet address to ascertain all available nurse educator positions in Illinois:~~  
 986 ~~<http://nursing.illinois.gov/ads.asp>~~

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(Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 2749.320 Fulfillment of Nursing Employment Obligation or Nurse Educator Employment Obligation**

- a) A recipient must graduate from the nursing program funded and provide a copy of the certificate, diploma or degree that indicates the graduation date promptly upon request~~as soon as the document is available~~.
- b) A recipient must be licensed as a registered professional nurse, an advanced practice registered nurse, or a licensed practical nurse in the State of Illinois and must provide a copy of the license promptly upon request~~as soon as it is available~~.
- c) Except as provided in Sections 2749.325, 2749.330~~597.330~~ and 2749.335~~597.335~~, *within 12 months after graduation from an associate degree in nursing program, hospital-based diploma in nursing program, baccalaureate degree in nursing program, graduate degree in nursing program, or certificate in practical nursing program, any recipient who accepted a scholarship shall begin meeting the required nursing employment obligation. (Section 6 of the Law)*
  - 1) To complete the nursing employment obligation, the recipient must work full time or part time (as applicable) at a medical facility in Illinois providing direct patient care.
  - 2) Fulfillment of the nursing employment obligation may be achieved as follows:
    - A) For each full-time semester completed, the obligation is six months of full-time employment or 12 months of part-time employment;
    - B) For each part-time semester completed, the obligation is three months of full-time employment or six months of part-time employment;
    - C) For each full-time quarter or trimester completed, the obligation is four months of full-time employment or eight months of part-time employment;
    - D) For each part-time quarter or trimester completed, the obligation is two months of full-time employment or four months of part-time employment;

- 1030 E) For each full-time summer term completed, the obligation is three  
1031 months of full-time employment or six months of part-time  
1032 employment;  
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- 1034 F) For each part-time summer term completed, the obligation is one  
1035 and one-half months of full-time employment or three months of  
1036 part-time employment.  
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- 1038 d) Except as provided in Sections [2749.325](#), [2749.330](#)~~597.330~~ and  
1039 [2749.335](#)~~597.335~~, *within 12 months after graduation from a graduate degree in*  
1040 *nursing program for nurse educators, any recipient who accepted a scholarship*  
1041 *shall begin meeting the required nurse educator employment obligation by*  
1042 *teaching nursing students at an approved institution in Illinois. (Section 6.5(d) of*  
1043 *the Law)*  
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- 1045 1) A recipient must graduate from the nursing program funded and provide a  
1046 copy of the degree that indicates the graduation date [promptly upon](#)  
1047 [request](#)~~as soon as the document is available~~.  
1048
- 1049 2) To complete the nurse educator employment obligation, the recipient shall  
1050 be employed full time or part time (as applicable) at an approved  
1051 institution in Illinois to educate nursing students. The nurse educator  
1052 employment obligation is *2 years for each year of scholarship assistance*  
1053 *received. (Section 3(24) of the Law)*  
1054
- 1055 3) Fulfillment of the nurse educator employment obligation may be achieved  
1056 as follows:  
1057
- 1058 A) For each full-time semester completed, the obligation is 12 months  
1059 of employment;  
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- 1061 B) For each part-time semester completed, the obligation is six  
1062 months of employment;  
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- 1064 C) For each full-time quarter or trimester completed, the obligation is  
1065 eight months of employment;  
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- 1067 D) For each part-time quarter or trimester completed, the obligation is  
1068 four months of employment;  
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- 1070 E) For each full-time summer term completed, the obligation is six  
1071 months of employment;  
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1073 F) For each part-time summer term completed, the obligation is three  
1074 months of employment.

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1076 e) Forms to document nursing employment or nurse educator employment shall be  
1077 sent to the recipient following graduation and licensure. Documentation forms  
1078 will be forwarded periodically until the nursing employment obligation or nurse  
1079 educator employment obligation is completed, at which time the recipient will be  
1080 notified and the scholarship record closed.

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1082 (Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)  
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1084 **Section 2749.325 Extension of Fulfilling Nursing Employment Obligation or Nurse**  
1085 **Educator Employment Obligation**

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1087 A request to extend the period of time within which the recipient's nursing employment  
1088 obligation or nurse educator obligation must be fulfilled shall be submitted in writing to ISAC.  
1089 The request shall be accompanied and supported by documentation as requested by ISAC.  
1090

- 1091 a) Reasons for extending the period of time within which the recipient's nursing  
1092 employment obligation must be fulfilled may include:  
1093  
1094 1) serving as a member of the United States Armed Forces, including as a  
1095 military reservist, for not more than four years;  
1096  
1097 2) temporary, total disability, as established by the sworn affidavit of a  
1098 licensed qualified physician, for not more than three years;  
1099  
1100 3) enrolled in an academic program leading to a higher degree or a graduate  
1101 degree in nursing;  
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1103 4) maternity, paternity or adoption leave, for not more than 12 weeks. If the  
1104 recipient's leave will exceed 12 weeks, an extension may be granted based  
1105 on documented medical need; and  
1106  
1107 5) involuntarily leaving the profession due to a decreased in the number of  
1108 nurses employed in the State. When requesting an extension, the recipient  
1109 shall provide documentation to ISAC demonstrating that nursing positions  
1110 do not exist in the recipient's area. If an extension is granted, it will be re-  
1111 evaluated every 6 months.

1112  
1113 b) Reasons for extending the period of time within which the recipient's nurse  
1114 educator employment obligation must be fulfilled may include:  
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- 1116 1) serving as a member of the United States Armed Forces, including as a  
1117 military reservist, for not more than four years;  
1118  
1119 2) temporary, total disability, as established by the sworn affidavit of a  
1120 licensed qualified physician, for not more than three years;  
1121  
1122 3) enrolled in an academic program leading to a graduate degree in nursing;  
1123  
1124 4) maternity, paternity or adoption leave, for not more than 12 weeks. If the  
1125 recipient's leave will exceed 12 weeks, an extension may be granted based  
1126 on documented medical need; and  
1127  
1128 5) involuntarily leaving the profession due to a decrease in the number of  
1129 nurses employed in the State. When requesting this extension, the  
1130 recipient shall provide documentation to ISAC that nurse educator  
1131 positions do not exist in the recipient's area. If an extension is granted, it  
1132 will be re-evaluated every 6 months.  
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1134 (Source: Added at 48 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)  
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1136 **Section 2749.330 Deferment of Nursing Employment Obligation or Nurse Educator**  
1137 **Employment Obligation**  
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1139 A request to defer the recipient's nursing employment obligation or nurse educator employment  
1140 obligation shall be submitted in writing to ISAC~~the Department~~. The request shall detail the  
1141 reasons for the deferment and shall be accompanied and supported by documentation as  
1142 requested by ISAC~~described in this Section~~.  
1143

1144 a) Deferment of the nursing employment obligation may include the recipient:  
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- 1146 1) *Spending up to four years in military service before or after graduation.*  
1147 *The recipient shall notify ISAC~~the Department~~ within 30 days after*  
1148 *enlisting in military service. (Section 6 of the Law)*  
1149  
1150 2) *Being called to active duty (for recipients who are military reservists) by*  
1151 *the armed forces of the United States. The recipient shall submit a copy of*  
1152 *the order to active duty with the written request for deferment. The*  
1153 *duration of the deferment shall equal the recipient's period of active*  
1154 *military duty.*  
1155  
1156 3) *Enrolling in an academic program leading to a higher degree or a*  
1157 *graduate degree in nursing. If the recipient receives funding through the*  
1158 *Nursing Education Scholarship Program for a higher degree, the nursing*

1159 *employment obligation shall be deferred until the recipient is no longer*  
 1160 *enrolled or has graduated. The recipient shall notify ISAC*~~the~~  
 1161 ~~Department~~ *within 30 days if the recipient is enrolled in an academic*  
 1162 *program leading to a graduate degree in nursing. (Section 6 of the Law)*  
 1163

1164 4) *Failing to fulfill the nursing employment obligation by involuntarily*  
 1165 *leaving the profession due to a decrease in the number of nurses employed*  
 1166 *in the State. When requesting a deferral, the recipient shall provide*  
 1167 *documentation to ISAC*~~the Department~~ *demonstrating that nursing*  
 1168 *positions do not exist in the recipient's area. The following website shall*  
 1169 ~~*be used to provide documentation:*~~  
 1170 ~~*<https://illinoisjoblink.illinois.gov/ada/r/job-seeker>*~~ *. If a deferment is*  
 1171 *granted, it will be re-evaluated every 6 months. (Section 6 of the Law)*  
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1173 5) *Providing documentation of a physical or mental health disability that*  
 1174 *results in the recipient's temporary inability to fulfill the obligation.*  
 1175 *Documentation shall include an explanation from a licensed health care*  
 1176 *professional attesting to the recipient's temporary inability to fulfill the*  
 1177 *obligation. This deferment may be granted for up to three years*~~*one year.*~~  
 1178

1179 6) *Requesting up to 12 weeks leave for maternity, paternity or adoption*  
 1180 *leave. If the recipient's leave will exceed 12 weeks, a deferment may be*  
 1181 *granted based on documented medical need.*  
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1183 7) *The recipient must begin meeting the required nursing employment*  
 1184 *obligations no later than 6 months after the end of the deferments.*  
 1185 *(Section 6 of the Law)*  
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1187 b) *Deferment of the nurse educator employment obligation may include the*  
 1188 *recipient:*  
 1189

1190 1) *Spending up to four years in military service before or after graduation.*  
 1191 *The recipient shall notify ISAC*~~*receive a deferment if he or she notifies the*~~  
 1192 ~~*Department, within 30 days after enlisting, that he or she is spending up to*~~  
 1193 ~~*4 years in military service.*~~ *(Section 6.5(d) of the Law)*  
 1194

1195 2) *Being called to active duty (for recipients who are military reservists) by*  
 1196 *the armed forces of the United States. The recipient shall submit a copy of*  
 1197 *the order to active duty with the written request for deferment. The*  
 1198 *duration of the deferment shall equal the recipient's period of active*  
 1199 *military duty.*  
 1200

- 1201 3) Enrolling in an academic program leading to a graduate degree in  
 1202 nursing. ~~The~~A recipient shall notify ISAC~~receive a deferment if he or she~~  
 1203 ~~notifies the Department,~~ within 30 days after enrolling,~~that he or she is~~  
 1204 ~~enrolled~~ in an academic program leading to a graduate degree in nursing.  
 1205 (Section 6.5(d) of the Law)  
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- 1207 4) Providing documentation of a physical or mental health disability that  
 1208 results in the recipient's temporary inability to fulfill the recipient nurse  
 1209 educator employment obligation. Documentation shall include an  
 1210 explanation from a licensed health care professional attesting to the  
 1211 recipient's temporary inability to fulfill the nurse educator employment  
 1212 obligation. This deferment may be granted for up to three years~~one year~~.  
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- 1214 5) Requesting up to 12 weeks for maternity, paternity or adoption leave. If  
 1215 the recipient's leave will exceed 12 weeks, a deferment may be granted  
 1216 based on documented medical need.  
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- 1218 6) The nurse educator employment obligation *may be deferred and re-*  
 1219 *evaluated every 6 months when the failure to fulfill the nurse educator*  
 1220 *employment obligation results from involuntarily leaving the profession*  
 1221 *due to a decrease in the number of nurses employed in this State.* (Section  
 1222 6.5(d) of the Law) When requesting this deferral, the recipient shall  
 1223 provide documentation to ISAC~~the Department~~ that nurse educator  
 1224 positions do not exist in the recipients' area.~~The following website will~~  
 1225 ~~be used to provide documentation:~~ <http://nursing-illinois.gov/ads.asp>.  
 1226
- 1227 7) ISAC~~The Department~~ may allow a nurse educator employment obligation  
 1228 fulfillment alternative if the nurse educator scholarship recipient is  
 1229 unsuccessful in finding work as a nurse educator. (Section 6.5(d) of the  
 1230 Law) Prior to ISAC~~the Department~~ approving an alternative to the nurse  
 1231 educator employment obligation, the recipient shall provide  
 1232 documentation that nurse educator positions do not exist in the recipient  
 1233 area. ~~The following website will be used to provide documentation:~~  
 1234 <http://nursing-illinois.gov/ads.asp>. If the recipient demonstrates that no  
 1235 nurse educator positions exists, ISAC~~the Department~~ will allow the  
 1236 recipient to fulfill the service obligation by working as a nurse in a  
 1237 medical facility in Illinois providing direct patient care.  
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- 1239 8) *The recipient must begin meeting the required nurse educator employment*  
 1240 *obligation no later than 6 months after the end of the deferment or*  
 1241 *deferments.* (Section 6.5(d) of the Law)  
 1242



1243 e) ~~Recipients who receive a deferment shall have their nursing employment~~  
1244 ~~obligation or nurse educator employment obligation tolled. The tolling of these~~  
1245 ~~requirements shall equal the recipient's period of deferment.~~  
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1247 (Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)  
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1249 **Section 2749.335 DischargeWaiver of Nursing Employment Obligation or Nurse Educator**  
1250 **Employment Obligation**  
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1252 A dischargewaiver request of a recipient's nursing employment obligation or nurse educator  
1253 employment obligation shall be submitted in writing to ISAC~~the Department~~. The request shall  
1254 detail the reasons for the dischargewaiver and be accompanied and supported by documentation  
1255 as described in this Section.  
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1257 a) Reasons for a dischargewaiver request may include the recipient's:  
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1259 1) Total and permanent disability;  
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1261 2) Incompetency; or  
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1263 3) Death.  
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1265 b) If the dischargewaiver is due to total and permanent disability, a formal request  
1266 from a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician's assistant (who  
1267 is licensed to practice in the United States) is required. Accompanying this formal  
1268 request, *proof of disability shall be:*  
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1270 1) *A declaration from the Social Security Administration;*  
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1272 2) *From the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission;*  
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1274 3) *From the U.S. Department of Defense; or*  
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1276 4) *From an insurer authorized to transact business in Illinois who is*  
1277 *providing disability insurance coverage to a contractor. (Section 3(21) of*  
1278 *the Law)*  
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1280 c) If a dischargewaiver is requested because the recipient is incompetent, the request  
1281 shall be supported by a certified copy of the adjudication from a State or federal  
1282 court of law. *No claim for repayment may be filed against the estate of an*  
1283 *individual deemed incompetent. (Sections 6 and 6.5(d) of the Law)*  
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1285 d) If the ~~discharge~~~~waiver~~ is requested because of the recipient's death, the request  
1286 shall be supported by a certified copy of the recipient's death certificate. *No claim*  
1287 *for repayment may be filed against the estate of a decedent.* (Sections 6 and 6.5(d)  
1288 of the Law)

1289 (Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)  
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