Student Nurse/Midwife Financial Aid:

United Kingdom

Overview
- NHS bursaries are awarded to students on pre-registration health professional training courses. These courses include nursing degree level courses and diploma level courses.
- Bursaries are not subject to tax deductions/National Insurance contributions
- They are received for each year of training in monthly installments
- There are some further allowances available for example childcare allowance/practice placement costs.
- Student must re-apply each year for the bursary
- Income –assessed bursary students can also avail of student loans

Types:
- Non-Income assessed: nursing diplomas courses and post-graduate pre-registration nursing diplomas
- Income assessed: degree and postgraduate level courses.

Eligibility:
- You must already have approval for the course
- Residency in the UK
- Not eligible if you are assisted (total income in any year from scholarships and employment exceeds the max amount of the bursary). Income here refers to casual employment or a spouse/partner/parents income

What does the bursary cover?
1. Tuition fees
2. Daily living expenses

- 2010/11 Basic bursary rates for degree level students are as follows:
  - £3392 (attending a university in London)
  - £2810 (attending a university outside London)
  - £2346 (living in the parental home)

STUDENT NURSES ARE NOT PAID A SALARY UNTIL THEY ARE QUALIFIED.
STUDENTS DO NOT REPLACE STAFF NURSES WHILE TRAINING.
ALL PLACEMENTS ARE SUPERVISED.
Canada

Overview
There is a mixture of grants/bursaries/loans available for studying in Canada. All students applying for Federal aid do so via (FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid). This application determines eligibility for aid. Once this is determined the student then seeks out a specific scholarship or bursary etc. Financial aid can vary depending on who is offering it and for what purpose.

For example Professional Associations provide bursaries. The Canadian Federation of Nurses Union awards ten $1000(CAD) (€730) scholarships to students each year. One is given to each member organisation in the CFNU.

Eligibility:
- Residency in the state to which the bursary will be awarded
- Membership of the association/union

Employed Student Nurses Program:
Projects launched throughout Canada to provide employment opportunities to undergraduate nurses. Main points of this project are:

- Applicants must maintain current registration as a student nurse with the College of Registered Nurses of their state
- maintain enrollment in good standing in a recognized entry-level registered nurse education program
- Funding is provided by the Ministry of Health
- Undergraduate nurses will be scheduled as supernumerary to the existing staffing complement for the unit/ward/program
- Average of 500 hours of work
- Normally undergraduates in 3/4 year of a college degree
- Wage entitlement: The hourly rate of pay for undergraduate nurses is $24.08 CAD (€17.60)
- Shift premium and overtime is paid
United States

Financial aid for nursing students in the US is a mixture of federal grants, state-funded scholarships and scholarships from professional nursing associations (not-for-profit). Some can vary but most of these:

- Cover full tuition fees
- Cost of living (amounts vary from $1000 (€727) per month to $2000 (€1,445) per year)
- Application open to all undertaking a nursing program
- Applies to the full duration of the course

Nurse Externship Programs:
These are run prior to the final year of a basic nursing program (degree/ diploma). They are developed locally at the hospitals throughout the US and therefore can differ in duration/salary/conditions.

The programs run for 8/10 weeks during the summer.

A salary is given to the extern. It can range from $13 (€9.45) to $21.50 (€15.63) per hour including benefits. This depends on the hospital offering the program.
Hours worked are 36-40

Eligibility:
- Candidates must be enrolled in a valid nursing program
- Normally entering their final year
- Interview process
- Referees are required
- Education in the form of conferences/classes take place during the externship
Australia

A range of scholarships/grants/ bursaries are available to undergraduate nursing students throughout Australia. The Royal College of Nursing Australia administers 5 government funded scholarships.

*Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme: Undergraduate.*
This scholarship is worth up to a total of $10,000AUD (£7,228) per year for three years full time study or $5,000 (£3,614) per year for up to six years part time study.

*Eligibility:*
- Australian citizens or permanent residents
- Enrolled or intending to enrol in an accredited nursing or midwifery course that results in a nationally recognised and accredited undergraduate/entry level nursing qualification

According to the Australian Nursing federation’s position statement any employment undertaken by an undergraduate student nurse/midwife should encompass the following:

- Be complementary to their undergraduate education; and not be a requirement of the student, the employer or the educational institution
- The employment of undergraduate students of nursing or midwifery must not be substituted for the employment of nurses or midwives
- Remuneration of undergraduate students of nursing or midwifery must be negotiated with the relevant ANF State or Territory Branch and specified in the award or agreement, and should increase incrementally as the student progresses through their academic studies. (ANF 2010)
Sweden

All higher education programs in Sweden are publicly funded by the government.

Student finance is available for cost of living expenses. This finance is in the form of grants and student loans.

- Weekly grant for a fulltime student is 680 SEK (€76.94)
- Weekly loan amount is 1374 SEK (€155.47) (this must be repaid)
- Supplementary assistance - child allowance and supplementary loans
- Students can receive aid for 12 semesters in total

**Eligibility:**

- Up to the age of 54
- Attending a level of third level institution

Students on clinical placement are supernumerary. There is no evidence of any other programs/internships. From the evidence available students are not paid.