

Pre-registration Undergraduate Healthcare Courses For September 19 and February 20 Entry

This page is for eligible new students who commence eligible designated pre-registration undergraduate courses after 1 August 2017 following the Healthcare funding Reforms which include the following courses offered at the University of Suffolk:

- Nursing, (including Mental Health, Child and Adult branches)
- Midwifery
- Operating Department Practice
- Radiography

As of the 1 August 2017, the way that some undergraduate courses leading to NHS qualifications are funded has been changed. The above courses now attract funding through the main Student Finance funding system. For the majority of students planning to come and study at the University of Suffolk, the funding body that you apply to finance for your course will be Student Finance England (SFE) if you have been ordinarily resident in England for 3 years prior to the start of your course.

Please view our further information about the undergraduate finance package that eligible students can apply to [here](#).

Please note that the rates on the main pages are for 30 week and 3 day courses. If your course is longer than 30 weeks and 3 days **AND** you have a means assessed maintenance loan with SFE then you will be automatically assessed for additional weeks of maintenance loan funding known as the “long course loan.” The rates also do not include the higher maximum rates of maintenance loan available for eligible students receiving benefit support. Students who are still eligible to be in receipt of certain benefits may be eligible for a higher rate of maintenance loan which includes a “special support” element. The special support element is a loan towards books, travel, and equipment and childcare costs. The special support element is disregarded for the purpose of Department of Work and Pensions benefits.

Additional funding

After applying for statutory funding, the next question it is natural to ask is there any additional funding I may be eligible to apply for?

Each year the NHS Business Service Authority, NHSBSA advises of additional funding available for eligible pre-registration healthcare undergraduates.

There are three main elements to the Learning Support Fund (LSF).

- **Transport and Accommodation costs:**
To claim for additional travel costs if your placement is further than the distance you travel to university. You can also claim for rent for a second accommodation if it is too far to travel to and from your home base to placement.
- **Childcare Grants:**
If you have dependent children, you can claim a non-means assessed grant of £1,000 per year.
- **Exceptional Support Fund:**
This fund offers an additional grant of up to £3,000 for eligible students to assist with living and studying costs.

You can find out more about the Learning Support fund and the three elements of it here: www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/learning-support-fund

Please note that before applying for the NHSBSA Exceptional Support Fund you have to apply for the University Financial Support Fund, (FSF).

University of Suffolk Financial Support Fund — 19/20

Universities that charge higher fees are required to put aside some of their fees funding to support students who may be experiencing financial difficulties. These funds are often referred to as Access Funds. The University Of Suffolk funds are administered through the Financial Support Fund.

The FSF is means assessed and assessed primarily in accordance with the national guidelines set out by the National Association of Student Money Advisers (NASMA). The University Of Suffolk, like other universities also has local policies that assist to adapt the fund to some of the specific needs of the University Of Suffolk students and the disciplines that they are studying. The main fund opens in October of each year. Once you are a student at the University Of Suffolk you can find out more from our helpful Infozone advisers about making an application to the fund.