



## **ARN Supports Increased Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Funding for the Nursing Workforce Development Program at HRSA**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has projected the increased demand for nurses to grow by at least 29% by the year 2020. The HRSA Nursing Workforce Development Programs provide the largest source of federal funding to address the national nursing shortage.

**Recommendation:** ARN strongly supports the national nursing community's request that Congress provide \$200 million in FY 2009 for the HRSA Nursing Workforce Development programs.

### **HRSA Nursing Workforce Development Programs**

**Advanced Education Nursing Grants:** These grants help schools of nursing, academic health centers, and other nonprofit entities to improve the education and practice of nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, nurse anesthetists, nurse educators, nurse administrators, public health nurses, and clinical nurse specialists.

**Workforce Diversity Grants:** This program awards grants and contract opportunities to schools of nursing, nurse-managed health centers, and academic health centers looking to increase access to nursing education for disadvantaged students, including racial and ethnic minorities under-represented among RNs.

**Nurse Education and Retention Grants:** These grants help schools of nursing, academic health centers, nurse-managed health centers, and health care facilities to strengthen programs that provide nursing education.

**Nurse Faculty Loan Program:** A student loan fund is administered by schools of nursing to increase the number of qualified nurse faculty. Students agree to teach at a school of nursing in exchange for cancellation of up to 85% of their educational loans.

**Comprehensive Geriatric Education Grants:** Provides grants to educate individuals in providing geriatric care for the elderly. Funds may be used to train individuals who will provide direct care for the elderly, develop and disseminate geriatric curriculum, educate faculty members, and provide continuing education.

**Nurse Loan Repayment and Scholarship Programs:** The scholarship program offers individuals who are enrolled as nursing students the opportunity to apply funds with an agreement that upon graduation they will work in a health care facility with a critical shortage of nurses for no less than two years. The loan repayment program repays up to 85% of a student's loans in return for service in a designated nursing shortage area.

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