

Pre-Nursing Majors and Financial Aid Eligibility (Effective Summer 2019)

In compliance with the U.S. Department of Education Federal Financial Aid regulations, the following majors are ineligible for Pell Grants and student loans:

- Pre-Nursing students classified under the A.S. Nursing (NURS) majors
- Pre-Nursing students classified under the Practical Nursing (PRCN) majors
- Pre-Nursing students who have previously earned a Liberal Arts degree or higher degree
- Unclassified (UNCL) majors

Any incoming, pre-Nursing student who has previously earned a Liberal Arts degree or higher degree will be admitted to Hawai'i Community College as an Unclassified (UNCL) major. Pre-Nursing students who have NOT previously earned a Liberal Arts degree or higher degree may change their major to Liberal Arts (LBRT), or Liberal Arts (LBRT) with a Pre-Nursing Attribute, and may be eligible to receive a Pell Grant or a federal student loan.

Once a student is admitted into the select Nursing programs, they may change their major to NURS or PRCN, and may be eligible to receive a Pell Grant or federal student loans. In addition to enrolling in an eligible major, students must meet all financial aid eligibility requirements.

To determine what is the best for their individual situation, students should consult an academic counselor/advisor in Hilo at (808) 934-2720 or in Kona at (808) 969-8816. Financial aid advisors are also available at (808) 934-2712, or by emailing hawccfao@hawaii.edu.