

# **Nursing Professions – Repayment and Forgiveness**

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#### Agenda

- Understanding your loans.
- Federal Forgiveness/Discharge
  - Repayment based
  - Workplace based
- Service Commitment Repayment

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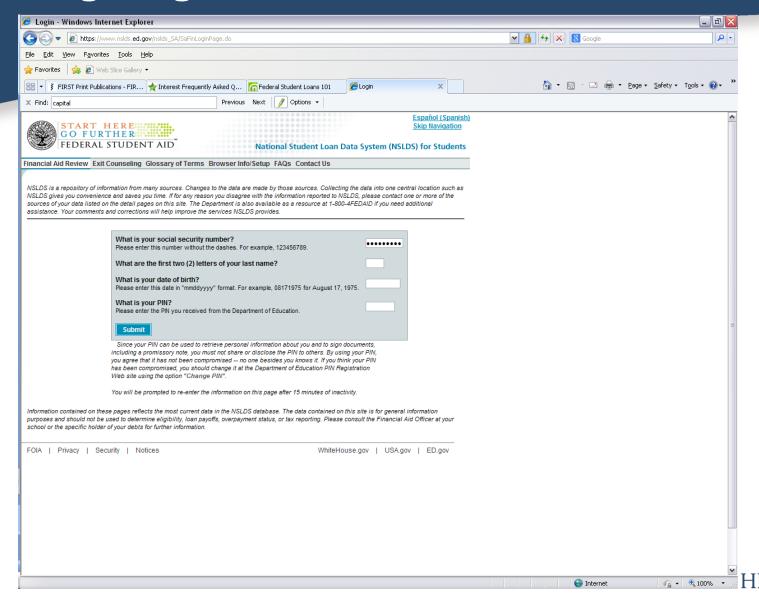


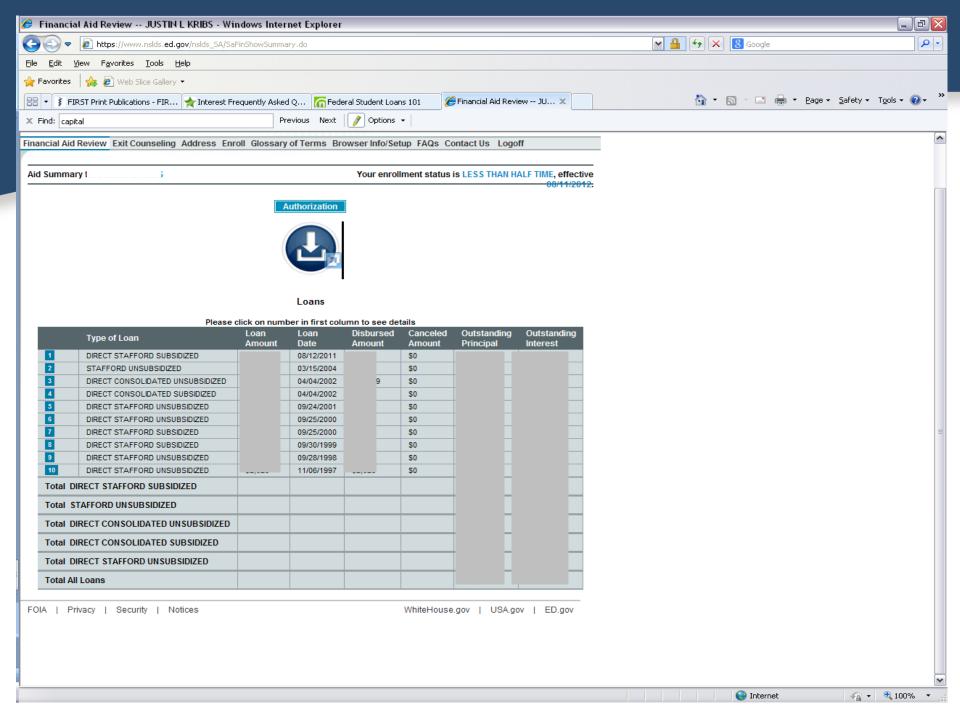
#### First Things First – Know your loans

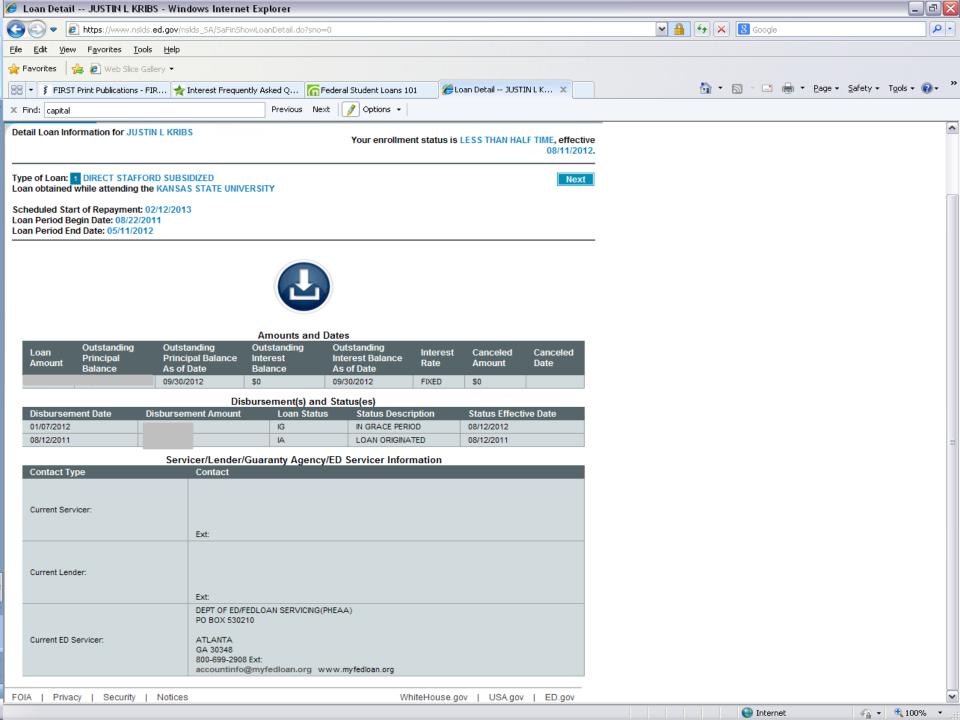
- Your four sources for loan information
  - NSLDS
    - www.nslds.ed.gov
    - Servicer Website
  - Studentloans.gov
    - https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/ibrLoginRedirect.action? externalServicerId=700583
    - Exit Counseling
  - Annual Credit Report
    - https://www.annualcreditreport.com/cra/index.jsp
    - Lender website
  - ECSI
    - http://www.ecsi.net/
    - Exit Counseling

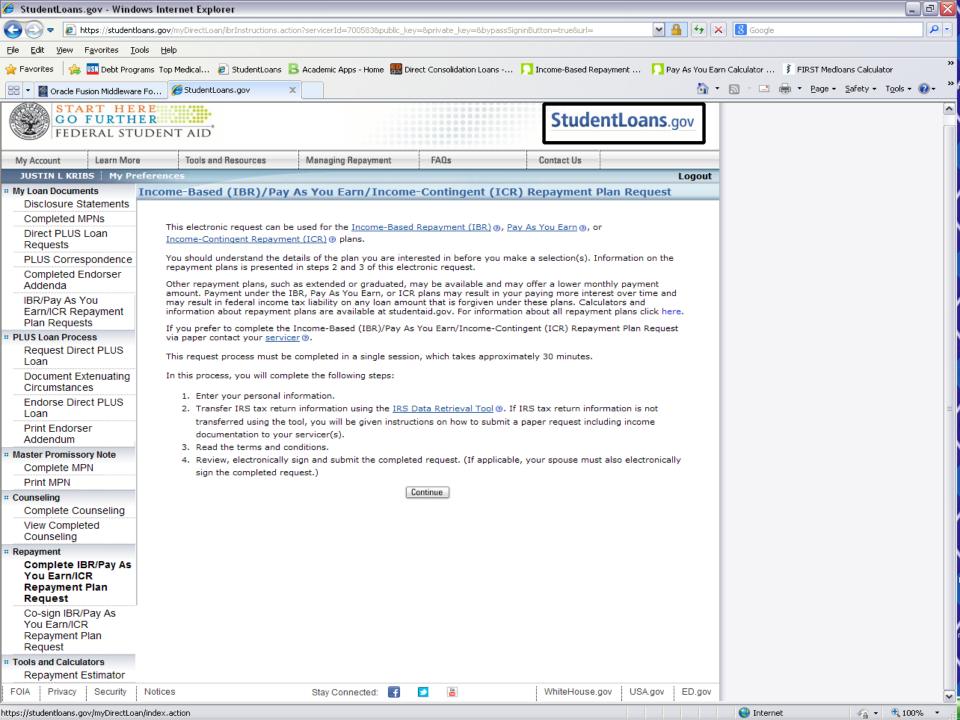


#### Navigating the NSLDS Website

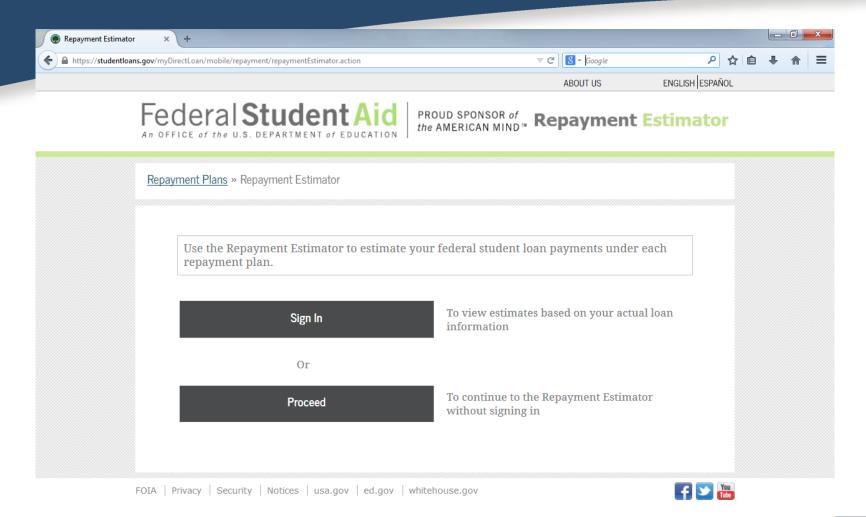




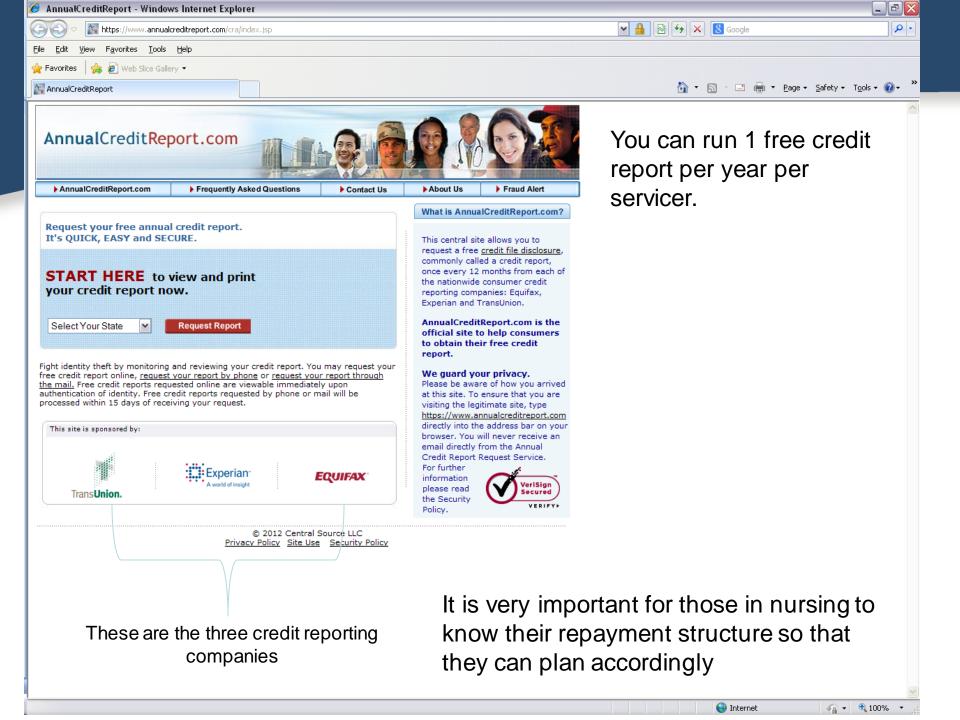




## Federal Repayment Resources







# Keep Tabs on Everything

- The NSLSD does not take into account private borrowers.
- No one but you tracks your family debt.
- Your entire debt situation also includes your consumer debt (personal and co-signed).

No let's take a look at some time frames.



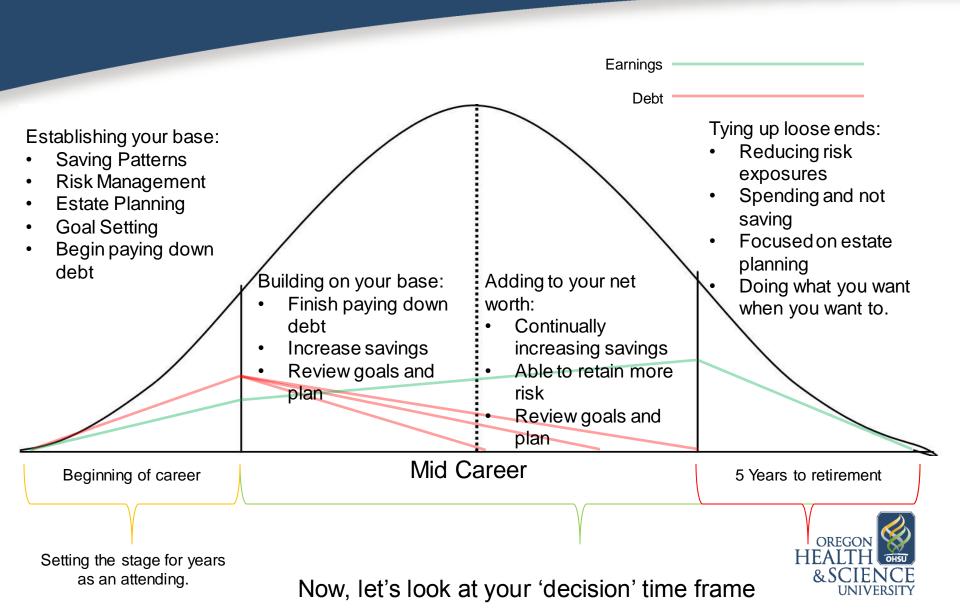
#### **Time Frames**

 Now that you know what loans you have and where you have them, you now need to know what time frame(s) you are working with.

- There are two timelines you need to always keep in mind –
- Loan Timeline
  - 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 years
- Career Timeline
  - 5,10, 15, 20, 25 years



#### Financial Planning Time Horizon



#### **Grace Period**

#### 6 Month Grace Period

#### 6 Month Grace Period:

- Subsidized Loans
- Unsubsidized Loans
- Grad PLUS loans
- Private Loans?

9 Month Grace Period

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- Perkins Loans
- Nursing Loans
- Private Loans?

Here is an example of how the mix of loans and repayment timelines can affect your plan.



#### Think out your Future Cash Flows

- Example Student "A" has:
- Direct Loans
   6 Months
- FFEL Loans O Months
- Nursing Loans
   9 Months
- Perkins Loans
   9 Months
- Private Loans
   6 9 Months



#### Repayment Plan Time Lines – Federal<sup>1</sup>

Plan	Length Until Discharge	Amount Discharged	Taxable	Profession Specific	Employer Specific	Eligible Loans
Public Service Loan Forgiveness	120 qualifying payments	100%	No	No	Yes	Direct Loans
Income Based Repayment	25 years	100%	Yes	No	No	FFEL& Direct Loans
Pay As You Earn	20 years	100%	Yes	No	No	Direct Loans
Perkins	5 years	100%	Yes	Yes	No	Perkins Loans

- Parent PLUS loans are not eligible for any federal repayment program.
- You cannot consolidate a Parent PLUS loan with a borrowers loans.



1 – All Federal programs can be changed by congressional action.

### **Income Driven Repayment**

 Look at your 'Standard' 10 year payment compared to:

- 10% of your discretionary income for PAYE.
- 15% of your discretionary income for IBR.



#### **Income Driven Continued**

 PAYE - 20 years of payments with the discharge of whatever is left over.

• IBR – 25 years of payments with the discharge of whatever is left over.



#### **Program - PSLF**

Need to have eligible (Direct) federal loans.

Need to be on an eligible (IBR, PAYE, ICR, Standard) repayment plan.

Need to be working for an eligible employer.

Let's look at an example of a borrower with federal loans.

As you can see, the program favors individuals with lower income levels, but also with higher debt levels.



### Perkins Forgiveness

- Working full time as a nurse.
- Applying for postponement of payments and cancellation of the loan.
- Need to fill out the forms every year.
- Years 1 & 2 15% each
- Years 3 & 4 20% each
- Year 5 30%



#### **Repayment Options**

- Public Service Loan Forgiveness
- Nurse Corps Repayment Program
- National Health Service Corps.
- Oregon Partnership State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)
- Medicaid Loan Repayment (MLRP)
- Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Program
- Indian Health Service
- Perkins
- Military\*



## APN vs. Non-APN

APN	Non-APN	Primary Care
Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Program	State Loan Repayment	Medicaid Loan Repayment Program
Medicaid Loan Repayment Program	Nurse Corps Repayment Program	State Loan Repayment
State Loan Repayment	Indian Health Services	Nurse Corps Repayment Program
Nurse Corps Repayment Program		NHSC
Indian Health Services		Primary Care Loan Forgiveness Program
NHSC		
Primary Care Loan Forgiveness Program		



#### Understand, that each option is just that 'an option'

There is no 'best' fit option as they all have their own strengths and weaknesses

All of them have some sort of time or geographic commitment

You need to know what your/your family's long term goals are



#### **How Most Programs Typically Work**

- 1. Find Job.
- 2. Apply for Job.
- 3. Offered Job.
- 4. Working in Job.
- 5. Apply for repayment program.



#### **Nurse Corps Repayment Program**

http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing/guidance.pdf

- Service Commitment in a critical shortage area
- Benefits:
  - Will pay a total of 60% (30% each year) of a participants total outstanding qualifying educational loan balance incurred while pursing an education in nursing (pg5)
  - Option third year, subject to availability of funds, will pay an additional 25% of their 'original' total qualifying educational loan or control balance.

#### **Nurse Corps Repayment Program: Continued**

http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing/quidance.pdf

- Payments are subject to applicable State,
   Local, & Federal taxes
- Be careful of consolidation loans
  - Personal loans do not count!
  - Perkins loans do not count!
  - Nursing Student Loans & Nurse Faculty Loan
     Program Loans that are subject to
     cancellation



#### **National Health Service Corps**

http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment

- Repayment up to \$50,000 for an initial two year full time commitment (or total eligible loans)
  - Depends on HPSA score of where you are working
- Eligible Specialties
  - Primary Care Certified NP
  - Certified Nurse-Midwife
  - Psychiatric Nurse Specialist
- As with HRSA repayment, be careful of consolidation

#### State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

FAQ: http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/currentmembers/stateloanrepaymentprogram/faq/index-html#whatis

Oregon Site: http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/outreach/oregon-rural-health/providers/loan-repayment.cfm

### States without program funding:

Idaho Mississippi

Wyoming Florida

Utah Maine

Nebraska North Carolina

Oklahoma South Caroline

Texas Connecticut

Arkansas New Hampshire

Vermont Puerto Rico



### State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP): Cont.

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- Must be funded!
- Service in primary care as:
  - Primary Care Nurse Practitioners
  - Certified Nurse-Midwives
  - Licensed Mental Health or Behavioral Health
     Professionals: Clinical or Counseling Psychologists,
     Clinical Social Workers, Professional Counselors,
     Marriage and Family Therapists, or Psychiatric Nurse
     Specialists
  - Registered Nurses



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- Award is currently tax free.
- Site must be willing to pay 50% of the award plus an administration fee.



#### **Medicaid Loan Repayment**

http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/outreach/oregon-rural-health/providers/loan-repayment/ompclrp.cfm

## Eligible Discipline:

- Nurse Practitioner.
- Award Information:

Participants commit to a minimum of 3 years and receive an annual tax free award of 20% of qualifying loan debt balance, up to \$35,000 for full time service. Part time service providers commit to a minimum of 5 years and receive an annual tax free award of 10% of their qualifying loan debt balance, up to \$17,500.

Award is currently tax free.



#### Behavioral Health Loan Repayment Program

http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/outreach/oregon-rural-health/providers/loan-repayment/bhlrp.cfm

This program is only available to unlicensed behavioral health providers that have completed, or will complete within 8 months of applying to this program, a master's level or higher degree program in one of the following fields:

- Clinical Social Work
- Psychiatry
- Counseling or Clinical Psychology
- Professional Counseling
- Marriage and Family Counseling
- Psychiatric Nursing (licensed PMHNPs are eligible to apply)



#### Indian Health Services Eligibility\*

http://www.ihs.gov/loanrepayment/

- Are a US citizen.
- Have a <u>health profession</u> degree or are in postgraduate training or in your final year of a health profession school.
- Have a valid state license to practice in a health profession. Health
  profession students in their final year of post-graduate clinical
  training/school are eligible to apply before obtaining a license. However, you
  are not eligible for an award until you provide proof of licensure to the
  branch office.
- Are committed to practice at an Indian health facility.
- Can begin service on or before September 30 for two continuous years of full-time clinical practice.

#### Indian Health Services Eligible Professions\*

- Advanced Practice Nurse Nurse Practitioner, Certified Nurse Midwife, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) — priority consideration will be given to CRNAs.
- Nurse: Associate, BS and MS



#### **Indian Health Service**

http://www.ihs.gov/loanrepayment/index.cfm

Health Profession Discipline	Total Awards	New Awards (two-year commitment)	Contract Extensions (one-year commitment)	Average Loan Debt
Nursing	163	146	17	\$37,418

# Recipient with a two-year service contract and \$30,000 in qualified educational loans\*\*

LRP Award (Per Year)	Amount Recipient Receives	Amount W/H by HIS for Recipient's Portion of FICA	Additional Payments made by HIS	Total Payments Made by IHS
\$15,000	\$13,623	\$1,377	<ol> <li>\$3,000 income tax liability on the part of the recipient</li> <li>Employer's portion of FICA</li> </ol>	\$19,377



#### **Primary Care Loan Repayment Program**

http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/outreach/oregon-rural-health/providers/loan-forgiveness.cfm

- \$35,000 per year for second and subsequent years of medical training.
- Approved Oregon rural track training program.
- Enrolled full-time.
- One year of work in an approved underserved area.

