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Last Chance to Make an Impact on Student Aid Policy!

If you are a graduate nursing student, please take a moment to fill out the Graduate Nursing Student survey on your experience with student loans **by Friday, January 13, 2017**. Your feedback will assist AACN in our work to shape higher education policy, including federal financial aid. Even if you do not take out loans for your education, we would appreciate your answers on a brief set of questions about your graduate program cost and program level.

In appreciation for your participation in this survey, **you will have the opportunity to enter in a random drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card**. The 15 winners will be notified by January 17, 2017. To be eligible for the drawing, you must provide your email address so we can send you the gift card if chosen. To take the brief survey, [click here](#).



Urge the VA to Include CRNAs in Final Rule Implementation

[Take action](#) by January 13 and send public comments to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) urging them to allow certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) to practice to the full extent of their education and training within the Veterans Health Administration. The VA issued a [final rule](#) released in the *Federal Register* on December 14, 2016 that grants three of the four Advanced Practice Registered Nurse roles (nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, and clinical nurse specialists) the ability to practice to the full extent of their education and training, but does not include CRNAs. [Click here](#) to urge the VA to include CRNAs so that Veterans have direct access to their care. [Read More](#).

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Apply for the 2017 NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program

The Health Resources and Services Administration 2017 [NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program](#) application cycle is now open. The purpose of the NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program is to assist in the recruitment and retention of professional registered nurses (RNs), including Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), who are dedicated to working in eligible healthcare facilities with a critical shortage of nurses or as faculty in eligible schools of nursing. The program supports RNs, APRNs, and nurse faculty by paying up to 85% of their unpaid nursing education debt. Two technical assistance webinars will be held on January 21 and February 16. [Click here](#) to apply. The deadline for the 2017 cycle is **February 23, 2017**.