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## HRSA Announces FY 2017 Cycle for NURSE Corps Scholarship Program

A student accepted or enrolled in a baccalaureate or graduate degree nursing program can receive funding for tuition, fees, and other educational costs (such as books and clinical supplies) in exchange for working in a [Critical Shortage Facility](#) upon graduation. The NURSE Corps Scholarship Program allows participants to care for some of the nation's most vulnerable populations. An application cycle technical assistance call will be held on May 2. For further information, including how to apply, [click here](#).

## Department of Education Will Not Restore Online IRS Tool for FAFSA Until Fall



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The Department of Education and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) [announced](#) that the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, a resource that makes it easier to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), will not be available for use until Fall 2017. This tool allows students to have their income information automatically imported into their FAFSA application, which has a [federal deadline](#) of June 30, 2017 (but can vary by state). Federal student loan borrowers also utilize the tool to certify their income to participate in income-based repayment programs which must be reported annually. A bipartisan group of lawmakers wrote a [letter](#) to the Department of Education, voicing their concern about the students and families who will be unable to use the tool. They are asking the Department to take action in supporting students in filling out the FAFSA in the absence of the retrieval tool and asking states to push back their deadlines for financial aid applications.

## House LHHS-Ed Subcommittee Holds Hearing on Opioids



The U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS-Ed) held a [hearing](#) titled, *Federal Response to the Opioid Abuse Crisis* on April 5. The subcommittee hosted a panel of public witnesses who gave testimony on the need for federal support for opioid prevention and treatment programs. Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY), noted in her comments that 91 Americans die each day because of opioid abuse. AACN remains [committed](#) to combatting the opioid epidemic with the 115th Congress and the Trump Administration.