

**UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**  
**Accelerated Nursing Program Report**  
**From the College of Health Sciences**  
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[Pursuant to W.S. 21-17-122(c) and (f)]  
To the Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee

**Program Overview**

The Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing offers an accelerated baccalaureate program preparing prior non-nursing baccalaureate degree students for the Bachelor's of Science in Nursing degree to enable them to become a registered nurse. This program, started in the summer of 2008, is called BRAND (Bachelors Reach for Accelerated Nursing Degree) and takes 15 months to complete.

The State of Wyoming Legislature established an educational loan repayment program for accelerated students in the BRAND program in 2009 (W.S. 21-17-122). Under this statute the University of Wyoming was authorized to provide five loans of up to \$25,000 each for full-time students enrolled in the BRAND program. The funding is divided over a four-semester period. Students receiving support from the state are obligated to engage in professional practice as a registered nurse for two years or repay all amounts expended by the state for their education.

**Required Report**

W.S. 21-17-122 (c) – Under this provision, like the WWAMI program, the University's Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the President of the University, may relieve a student from repayment of a loan provided under this section for undue hardship. The provision requires the University to report to the Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee the number of students who have been relieved of the obligation to repay the loan.

W.S. 21-17-122 (f) - On or before October 1 of each year, the university shall submit a report to the committee on expenditures from the account during the prior fiscal year. Funds from students who repay their loans flow into this account. No student has decided to repay the loan in cash, and a result, there are no funds in the account.

**Loan Repayment Update**

State funding for the current biennium totals \$225,000, which is sufficient to support nine students during a two year period. In FY2011, five students were awarded \$25,000 loans each, and all of those students are currently enrolled. FY2011 funds provided \$112,500 for these loans; the remaining \$12,500 will come from FY2012 funds.

A total of 14 students have been supported by the BRAND loan payment program since it was established. The table below summarizes the current status of those students/graduates as of June 30, 2011. Nine students are currently enrolled, one is in the grace period, and four are paying off the loan in service (Deferment for Practice). No students have been relieved of their obligation to repay the loan.

<b>Status</b>	<b>Home Town</b>	<b>City of Practice</b>
Enrolled	Cheyenne	
Enrolled	Lovell	
Enrolled	Wilson	
Enrolled	Wheatland	
Enrolled	Casper	
Enrolled	Riverton	
Enrolled	Kaycee	
Enrolled	Jackson	
Enrolled	Torrington	
Grace Period	Casper	
Deferment for practice	Laramie	Laramie
Deferment for practice	Cody	Cody
Deferment for practice	Green River	Green River
Deferment for practice	Buffalo	Buffalo

**FY11 – Fiscal report**

No monetary repayments have been made; all students are repaying by practicing in the state.