

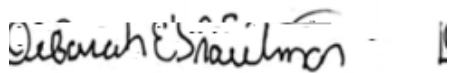
for Higher Education Programs
in
Office of Postsecondary Education
LBJ Building, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Deputy Assistant Secretary Miller:

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), the national voice for academic nursing, appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. AACN works to establish quality standards for nursing education, assists schools in implementing those standards, influences the nursing profession to improve health care, and promotes public support for professional nursing education, research, and practice. Today, AACN represents over 865 member schools of nursing, over 530,000 students, and over 54,000 faculty at public and private universities nationwide, which offer a mix of baccalaureate, graduate, and post-graduate programs.¹

AACN commends the Department of Education for supporting graduate education in areas of national need.

Sincerely,



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¹ About the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. Retrieved from: <https://www.aacnnursing.org/About-AACN>

² News Data Show Enrollment Declines in Schools of Nursing. Retrieved from: <https://www.aacnnursing.org/news-data/all-news/new-data-show-enrollment-declines-in-schools-of-nursing-raising-concerns-about-the-nations-nursing-workforce#:~:text=Since%20PhD%20program%20enrollment%20began,scientists%2C%20educators%2C%20and%20leaders.>