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Bournemouth & Poole College is urging students who are thinking about careers in Nursing, Midwifery, or Allied Health Professions to apply to its Access to Health Professionals course. This follows a recent announcement of new study bursaries from the UK Government.

From August 2020, [new annual payments of at least £5,000](#) will be available to help undergraduate and postgraduate students from eligible Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health courses fund their studies. The funding has been confirmed as part of the UK Government's pledge to increase nurse numbers by 50,000 over the next 5 years and the bursary will not need to be repaid.

The Access to HE, Health Professionals course is a popular recognised Access to HE Diploma, designed for students who do not have the right qualifications to move on to Nursing and Midwifery degrees. The announcement of the new annual payments is brilliant news for our Access to HE Health Professional students, as they will benefit from the payments when they start their university degree.

Every student nurse studying or starting their course in August 2020 (so this includes students in years 2 and 3) will receive at least £5,000.

Further support worth up to £3,000 will be available per academic year for eligible students:

- studying mental health or learning disability nursing
- in areas of the country with low take-up rates for nursing courses
- towards childcare costs

Hilary Gallagher, Learning Manager for Science, Access and Counselling, said: "We are passionate about supporting our students to progress. The new funding will ease the financial implications of studying for a degree in Nursing, Midwifery or Allied Health courses, which is great news for our students progressing from the Access to HE Health Professionals course onto university."

Matt Mullins, a current Access to HE, Health Professions student said: "The Access to HE, Health Professionals course has really prepared me for university, allowing me to move towards the career I want. The news about the bursary is great and will really help me whilst I'm studying at university!"

For more information about our Access to HE courses, please visit [thecollege.co.uk/get-university/access-he](https://www.thecollege.co.uk/get-university/access-he)