



**University
of Worcester**



**Funding for Nursing, Midwifery,
Medicine and Allied Healthcare
Professional Courses**

2023/24

Home Fee status



CONTENTS

Course	Page
Nursing Associate	3-4
Nursing (Adult)	5-6
Nursing (Childrens)	5-6
Nursing (Mental Health)	5-6
Midwifery	7-8
Paramedic Science	9-10
Diagnostic Radiography	11-12
Occupational Therapy	13-14
Physiotherapy	15-16
Physicians Associate	17-18
Medicine	19-20

Funding	Page
Student Finance	21
NHS Learning Support Fund	25
Access to Learning Fund	26
Trust Funds	27

Funding examples are Student Finance England unless stated otherwise. Links to other funding providers are on page 21.

Nursing Associate

There are two study options, **Nursing Associate FDSC** a two-year foundation degree or **Nursing Associate Apprenticeship** two-year work-based learning combined with higher level study.



Costs

Tuition fees - £9250 per year

Course-related costs not included in the fees.

Day to day costs exist for printing, stationery and books.

As part of the course, you will need to travel to placement and will therefore need to pay any associated costs.

Cost of NMC Registration on completion of the FdSc Nursing Associate programme.

Funding and Support Available

The University will provide initial uniforms (3 tunics, 2 trousers & epaulettes) and for students on the Foundation route will also cover the costs of an enhanced DBS check and Occupational Health screen and vaccinations.

Travel to placement costs may be able to be reclaimed depending on your individual circumstances.

Nursing Associate Apprenticeship students have their Tuition fee costs covered by the Education and Skills Funding Agency via the apprenticeship levy.

Student Finance Loans (per year) not available to Apprenticeship students

Tuition fee loan - maximum = £9,250 – not based on income

Maintenance loan	Parental Home	Elsewhere
Not eligible for benefits	£3,698 – £8,400	£4,651 - £9,978
Eligible for benefits	£3,698 – £9,910	£4,651 - £11,374

Long Course Loan - see page 23.

Up to **£107** is available for each extra week if you do not live at the parental home

Up to **£71** is available for each extra week if you live at the parental home

Grants (per year)

Student Finance Dependants Grants – see page 23 for more details.

Depending upon your circumstances you may be eligible for additional non-repayable grants through student finance.

Parents Learning Allowance – up to £1,915

Adult Dependants Grant – up to £3,354

Childcare Grant – up to 85% of registered childcare costs

Access to Learning Fund – see page 26.

This is a non-repayable grant administered by the University of Worcester to help eligible students who are experiencing financial difficulties.

Nursing

You can apply to study one of 3 different fields of practice:

BSc (Hons) Nursing (Adult), BSc (Hons) Nursing (Children's) or BSc (Hons) Nursing (Mental Health).



Costs

Tuition fees = £9250 per year

Course-related costs not included in the fees.

Day to day costs exist for printing, stationery and books.

As part of the course, you will need to travel to the placement and will therefore need to pay any associated costs.

You may be able to reclaim these travel expenses depending on your individual circumstances.

Cost of NMC Registration on completion of the BSc (Hons) Nursing Degree programme.

Funding and Support Available

The University will provide initial uniforms (3 tunics, 2 trousers & epaulettes).
Plus, the University will also cover the costs of an Enhanced DBS check, an Occupational Health screening and vaccinations.

Student Finance Loans (per year)

Tuition fee loan - maximum = **£9,250 – not based on income**

Maintenance loan

	Live at Parental Home	Live Elsewhere
Not eligible for benefits	£3,698 – £8,400	£4,651 - £9,978
Eligible for benefits	£3,698 – £9,910	£4,651 - £11,374

Long Course Loan - see page 23.

Up to **£107** is available for each extra week if you do not live at the parental home

Up to **£71** is available for each extra week if you live at the parental home

Grants (per year)

Student Finance Dependants Grants – see page 23 for more details.

Depending upon your circumstances you may be eligible for additional non-repayable grants through student finance.

Parents Learning Allowance – up to **£1,915**

Adult Dependants Grant – up to **£3,354**

Childcare Grant – up to 85% of registered childcare costs

NHS Learning Support Fund - see page 25 for more details.

Training Grant - **£5,000 per year**

Specialist Subject Payment – Mental Health course only - **£1,000 per year**

Parental Support Grant - **£2,000 per year**

Travel and Dual Accommodation Expenses - **variable**

Exceptional Hardship Fund – up to **£3,000 per year**

Access to Learning Fund – see page 26.

This is a non-repayable grant administered by the University of Worcester to help eligible students who are experiencing financial difficulties.

Midwifery

Two courses lead to accredited registration as a Midwife.

BSc Midwifery and the **MSc Midwifery (Shortened programme)** which enable Registered Nurses (Adult) with one year experience to complete a two-year course.



Costs

Tuition fees - £9250 per year

Course-related costs not included in the fees.

Day to day costs exist for printing, stationery and books.

As part of the course, you will need to travel to the placement and will therefore need to pay any associated costs.

You may be able to reclaim these travel expenses depending on your individual circumstances.

Funding and Support Available

The University will provide initial uniforms (3 tunics, 2 trousers & epaulettes).
Plus, the University will also cover the costs of an Enhanced DBS check, an Occupational Health screening and vaccinations.

Student Finance Loans (per year)

Tuition fee loan - maximum = **£9,250 – not based on income**

Maintenance loan		
	Live at Parental Home	Live Elsewhere
Not eligible for benefits	£3,698 – £8,400	£4,651 - £9,978
Eligible for benefits	£3,698 – £9,910	£4,651 - £11,374

Long Course Loan - see page 23.

Up to **£107** is available for each extra week if you do not live at the parental home

Up to **£71** is available for each extra week if you live at the parental home

Grants (per year)

Student Finance Dependants Grants – see page 23 for more details.

Depending upon your circumstances you may be eligible for additional non-repayable grants through student finance.

Parents Learning Allowance – up to **£1,915**

Adult Dependants Grant – up to **£3,354**

Childcare Grant – up to 85% of registered childcare costs

NHS Learning Support Fund - see page 25 for more details.

Training Grant - **£5,000 per year**

Parental Support Grant - **£2,000 per year**

Travel and Dual Accommodation Expenses - **variable**

Exceptional Hardship Fund – up to **£3,000 per year**

Access to Learning Fund – see page 26 for more information.

This is a non-repayable grant administered by the University of Worcester to help eligible students who are experiencing financial difficulties.

Paramedic Science



Costs

Tuition fees - £9250 per year

Course-related costs not included in the fees.

Every course has day-to-day costs for basic books, stationery, printing and photocopying.

There might be cost associated for travel on this course.

Students will be required to pay for an enhanced DBS check.

Funding and Support Available

Uniform

A full set of uniform will be provided by the university at the beginning of the course including shirts, trousers, high-visibility clothing, helmet and steel toe capped boots. Additional uniform may need to be purchased by the student.

Student Finance Loans (per year)

Tuition fee loan - maximum = **£9,250 – not based on income**

Maintenance loan		
	Live at Parental Home	Live Elsewhere
Not eligible for benefits	£3,698 – £8,400	£4,651 - £9,978
Eligible for benefits	£3,698 – £9,910	£4,651 - £11,374

Long Course Loan - see page 23.

Up to **£107** is available for each extra week if you do not live at the parental home

Up to **£71** is available for each extra week if you live at the parental home

Grants (per year)

Student Finance Dependants Grants – see page 23 for more details.

Depending upon your circumstances you may be eligible for additional non-repayable grants through student finance.

Parents Learning Allowance – up to **£1,915**

Adult Dependants Grant – up to **£3,354**

Childcare Grant – up to 85% of registered childcare costs

NHS Learning Support Fund - see page 25 for more details.

Training Grant - **£5,000 per year**

Parental Support Grant - **£2,000 per year**

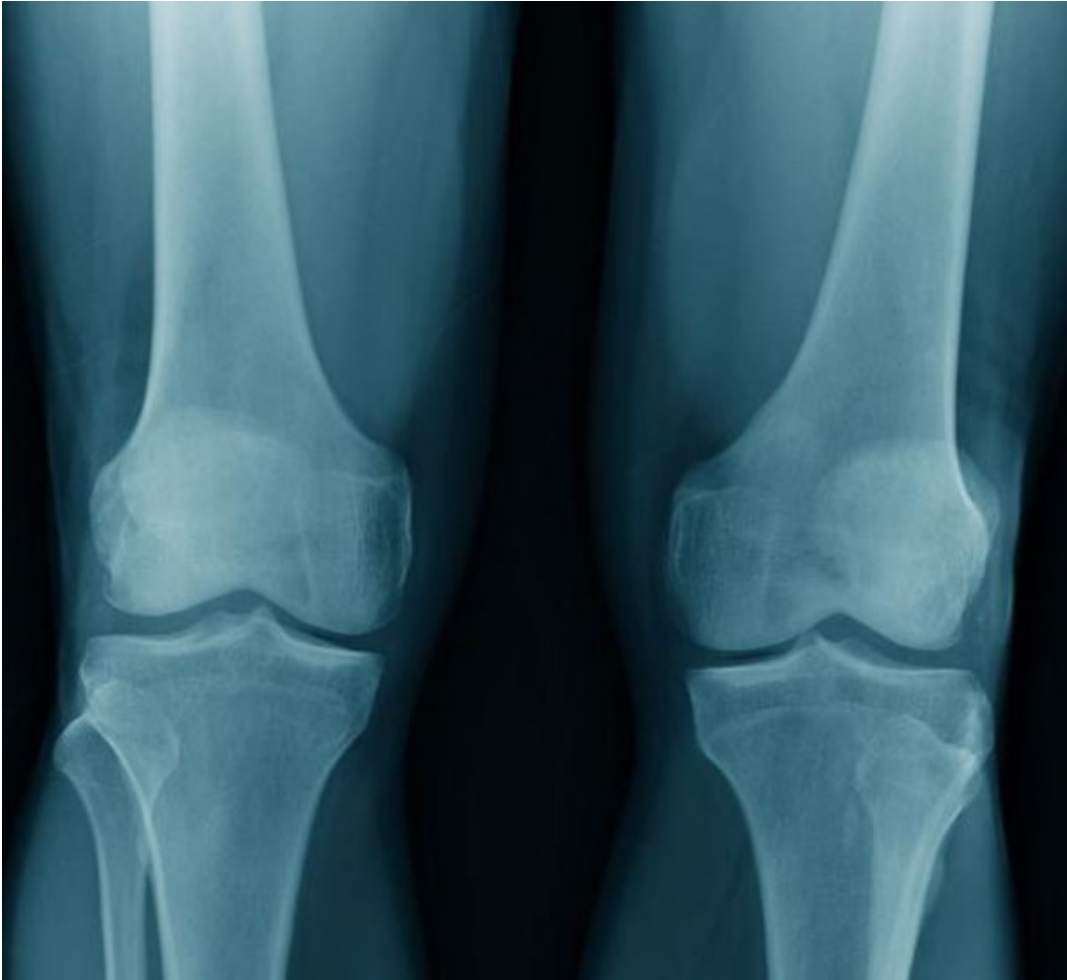
Travel and Dual Accommodation Expenses - **variable**

Exceptional Hardship Fund – up to **£3,000 per year**

Access to Learning Fund – see page 26 for more information.

This is a non-repayable grant administered by the University of Worcester to help eligible students who are experiencing financial difficulties.

Diagnostic Radiography



Costs

Tuition fees - £9250 per year

Course-related costs not included in the fees.

We offer a wide range of professionally accredited and vocational courses that require the purchase of, among other things, uniforms, equipment, subscriptions, professional body memberships and Enhanced DBS checks, and may require you to pay to attend conferences or participate in placements. Students are required to meet all costs associated with placement e.g. travel costs to and from placement.

Funding and Support Available

Uniform

A full set of uniform will be provided by the university at the beginning of the course including shirts, trousers, high-visibility clothing, helmet and steel toe capped boots. Additional uniform may need to be purchased by the student.

Student Finance Loans (per year)

Tuition fee loan - maximum = **£9,250 – not based on income**

Maintenance loan		
	Live at Parental Home	Live Elsewhere
Not eligible for benefits	£3,698 – £8,400	£4,651 - £9,978
Eligible for benefits	£3,698 – £9,910	£4,651 - £11,374

Long Course Loan - see page 23.

Up to **£107** is available for each extra week if you do not live at the parental home

Up to **£71** is available for each extra week if you live at the parental home

Grants (per year)

Student Finance Dependants Grants – see page 23 for more details.

Depending upon your circumstances you may be eligible for additional non-repayable grants through student finance.

Parents Learning Allowance – up to **£1,915**

Adult Dependants Grant – up to **£3,354**

Childcare Grant – up to 85% of registered childcare costs

NHS Learning Support - see page 25 for more details.

Training Grant - **£5,000 per year**

Specialist Subject Payment – **£1,000 per year**

Parental Support Grant - **£2,000 per year**

Travel and Dual Accommodation Expenses - **variable**

Exceptional Hardship Fund – up to **£3,000 per year**

Access to Learning Fund – see page 26 for more information.

This is a non-repayable grant administered by the University of Worcester to help eligible students who are experiencing financial difficulties.

Occupational Therapy

Two courses lead to accredited registration, **BSc Occupational Therapy** and the **MSc Occupational Therapy (Pre-Registration)** which is an accelerated qualifying programme for graduates with a suitable Bachelor's degree.



Costs

Tuition fees - £9250 per year

Course-related costs not included in the fees.

Day-to-day costs for basic books, stationery, printing and photocopying.

If your course offers a placement opportunity, you may need to pay for an Enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check.

Funding and Support Available

The University will pay for a clinical uniform for you but will need a practical kit for physiotherapy sessions such as shorts, jogging bottoms and polo shirts. There is the option to buy a University practical kit.

Student Finance Loans (per year)

Tuition fee loan - maximum = **£9,250 – not based on income**

Maintenance loan	Parental Home		Elsewhere	
	Not eligible for benefits	£3,698 – £8,400	£4,651 - £9,978	£4,651 - £11,374
Eligible for benefits		£3,698 – £9,910		

Long Course Loan - see page 23.

Up to **£107** is available for each extra week if you do not live at the parental home

Up to **£71** is available for each extra week if you live at the parental home

Grants (per year)

Student Finance Dependants Grants – see page 23 for more details.

Depending upon your circumstances you may be eligible for additional non-repayable grants through student finance.

Parents Learning Allowance – up to **£1,915**

Adult Dependants Grant – up to **£3,354**

Childcare Grant – up to 85% of registered childcare costs

NHS Learning Support Fund - see page 25 for more details.

Training Grant - **£5,000 per year**

Parental Support Grant - **£2,000 per year**

Travel and Dual Accommodation Expenses - **variable**

Exceptional Hardship Fund – up to **£3,000 per year**

Access to Learning Fund – see page 26 for more information.

This is a non-repayable grant administered by the University of Worcester to help eligible students who are experiencing financial difficulties.

Physiotherapy

Two courses available

BSc Physiotherapy and the **MSc Physiotherapy (Pre-Registration)** which is a qualifying programme for graduates with a first degree.



Costs

Tuition fees - £9250 per year

Course-related costs not included in the fees.

Day-to-day costs for basic books, stationery, printing and photocopying.

As part of the course, you will need to travel to placements and will therefore need to pay any associated costs. You may be able to reclaim these travel expenses depending on your individual circumstances.

You are strongly encouraged to become student members of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, which costs £42 per year.

Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are required at a one-off cost of £58.

Funding and Support Available

The University will pay for a clinical uniform for you but will need a practical kit for physiotherapy sessions such as shorts, jogging bottoms and polo shirts. There is the option to buy a University practical kit.

Student Finance Loans (per year)

Tuition fee loan - maximum = **£9,250** – not based on income

Maintenance loan		
	Live at Parental Home	Live Elsewhere
Not eligible for benefits	£3,698 – £8,400	£4,651 - £9,978
Eligible for benefits	£3,698 – £9,910	£4,651 - £11,374

Long Course Loan - see page 23.

Up to **£107** is available for each extra week if you do not live at the parental home

Up to **£71** is available for each extra week if you live at the parental home

Grants (per year)

Student Finance Dependants Grants – see page 23 for more details.

Depending upon your circumstances you may be eligible for additional non-repayable grants through student finance.

Parents Learning Allowance – up to **£1,915**

Adult Dependants Grant – up to **£3,354**

Childcare Grant – up to 85% of registered childcare costs

NHS Learning Support Fund - see page 25 for more details.

Training Grant - **£5,000** per year

Parental Support Grant - **£2,000** per year

Travel and Dual Accommodation Expenses - **variable**

Exceptional Hardship Fund – up to **£3,000** per year

Access to Learning Fund – see page 26 for more information.

This is a non-repayable grant administered by the University of Worcester to help eligible students who are experiencing financial difficulties.

Physicians Associate MSc



Costs

Tuition fees - £11,680 per year – Two-year course

You will be required to pay an additional fee in order to undertake the National Assessment at the end of the course. This fee is set and charged by the Faculty of Physician Associates at the Royal College of Physicians.

You should also consider the cost of books, a stethoscope, appropriate clothes for clinical placements, the costs of travelling to clinical placements and accommodation, which you will need to pay.

You will be required to have an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Funding and Support Available

Student Finance Loans

SFE Master's Loan £12,167 for the course, not per year - page 24 has more details.

Not based on income. 50% paid in year 1 of the course and 50% in year 2.

Paid directly to the student who must arrange to pay the tuition fee charge.

£5000 towards tuition fees provided by Health Education England, split equally across the two years of the course. You will not need to apply for this separately.

Access to Learning Fund – see page 26 for more information.

This is a non-repayable grant administered by the University of Worcester to help eligible students who are experiencing financial difficulties.

MEDICINE MBCHB

MBChB (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery) is a 4-year, graduate-entry programme.



Costs

Tuition fees - £9250 per year

Course-related costs not included in the fees.

Students will be expected to own their own stethoscope and ophthalmoscope, particularly for clinical placements. We do have limited numbers that can be borrowed for on-campus skills training.

You will need access to a computer or tablet with reliable internet access. The course also involves day-to-day costs for printing, stationery, books etc. not all of these are covered by the course fee.

Please note that early and frequent clinical placements mean you will need to think about how you will travel around the region. Some students bring cars and others car-pool with fellow students and share costs. The University does have several charging points for electric cars and a bicycle hire scheme for local trips.

Funding and Support Available

Student Finance Loans (per year)

Tuition fee loan Year 1 = £5,785 – not based on income

Tuition fee loan Years 2-4 = £5,535 – not based on income

The amount not covered by Student Finance will be subsidised by the University, and this will take the form of an annual scholarship which is dependent on successfully passing the previous year of the programme.

Maintenance loan Year 1	Student Finance England	
	Parental Home	Elsewhere
Not eligible for benefits	£3,698 – £8,400	£4,651 - £9,978
Eligible for benefits	£3,698 – £9,910	£4,651 - £11,374

Long Course Loan – see page 23.

Up to **£107** is available for each extra week if you do not live at the parental home

Up to **£69** is available for each extra week if you live at the parental home

Grants (per year)

Student Finance Dependants Grants – see page 23 for more details.

Depending upon your circumstances you may be eligible for additional non-repayable grants through student finance.

Parents Learning Allowance – up to £1,915 Adult Dependants Grant – up to £3,354

Childcare Grant – up to 85% of registered childcare costs

Maintenance loan Years 2-4	Parental Home	Elsewhere
	Reduced Rate Loan	£1,955

In Years 2-4 the Maintenance Loan entitlement is reduced as Home students are normally entitled to an NHS bursary.

NHS Bursary

The first cohort of Home students at Worcester will not be entitled to an NHS bursary and instead the University will offer a non means-tested bursary for every Home student of £5,000 p.a. for each of the 3 years of study, which is dependent on successfully passing the previous year of the programme.

Access to Learning Fund – see page 26 for more information.

This is a non-repayable grant administered by the University of Worcester to help eligible students who are experiencing financial difficulties.

Student Finance

There is a range of financial support available to students to help fund the cost of their studies, this depends upon your country of residence before the course started:

(SFE) Student Finance England <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

(SFW) Student Finance Wales <https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/>

(SAAS) Student Awards Agency Scotland <http://www.saas.gov.uk/>

(SFNI) Student Finance Northern Ireland <https://www.studentfinancenir.co.uk/>

There are also separate schemes for residents of:

Jersey <https://www.gov.je> and Guernsey <https://www.gov.gg/article/152744/Policies> and

Isle of Man <https://www.gov.im/student-grants>

Students who are European Union residents or residents from Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland who have [pre-settled status](#) can also apply for a tuition fee loan from the Student Loan Company. Students from these countries who can be classed as “workers” or who have [settled status](#) may also be able to apply for Maintenance Loans and Dependant Grants.

Irish students do not need to have settled or pre-settled status.

More information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/eu-students> .

Previous Study

Please note that previous study at Higher Education level (i.e. above Level 3) can affect eligibility for financial support. Contact your student funding body for clarification or get advice from the Money Advice service via **firstpoint** telephone 01905 542551 or email firstpoint@worc.ac.uk

SFE has a group of exception courses where previous study and qualifications are disregarded. Exception courses at Worcester are; Diagnostic Radiography, Medicine, Midwifery, Nursing degree, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy.

SAAS may fund students who study a paramedic, nursing or midwifery course and they have had UK or other EU public funds for a higher education course before, and it was not in paramedic, nursing or midwifery.

Full Time Undergraduate Students (Degree or Foundation Degree, certain Masters)

Tuition fees for undergraduate courses are £9250 per year and a student loan may be available to cover these costs. If you are eligible in addition to a tuition fee loan, UK students on full time undergraduate or equivalent courses starting in 2023/24 can also apply for funding to help meet their living costs. These vary by funding body. You normally need to apply for your funding within nine months of the start of your academic year.

Student Finance England Maintenance Loan

2023/24 SFE FUNDING			
Household Residual Income	Tuition Fees Loan Paid direct to University	Maintenance Loan	
		Parental Home	Elsewhere
£25,000 & below	£9,250	£8,400	£9,978
£30,000	£9,250	£7,694	£9,265
£35,000	£9,250	£6,988	£8,552
£40,000	£9,250	£6,282	£7,839
£45,000	£9,250	£5,576	£7,125
£50,000	£9,250	£4,869	£6,412
£55,000	£9,250	£4,163	£5,699
£60,000	£9,250	£3,698	£4,986
£62,343+	£9,250	£3,698	£4,651

These figures are a guide only. Awards are based on actual assessed household income as calculated by Student Finance England.

Household residual income – based on 2021/22 taxable income (usually parent or partner you live with), less allowances for pension payments that qualify for tax relief and other dependent children.

Tuition Fee Loan – not based on household income.

Maintenance Loan – Paid direct to student in three instalments.

Repayment - will start in the April following graduation (or earlier if course abandoned) providing the student earns more than £25,000.

Repayment is at 9% of income over £25,000.

Special Support Element

Students who are eligible to receive benefits while they study may also be eligible for an increased maintenance loan that includes a Special Support Element of up to **£4,221**. The Special Support Element is not treated as income by DWP for most benefits.

Maximum Maintenance loan rates for 2023/24 with the Special Support Element.

Elsewhere Rate	Living with parents
£11,374	£9,910

Long Course Loans

Courses that exceed 30 weeks and 3 days in length are called long courses and extra funding is available for each extra week. This extra funding is a maximum of **£107** per week for students not living in the parental home and **£71** per week for students that do.

If household income is less than £39,796 the maximum long course loan is payable. If household income is above this figure the amount of long course loan is reduced by £1 for each £8.73 of income above £39,796.

Dependants Grants

Parents' Learning Allowance – up to **£1,915** extra help for students with dependents
<https://www.gov.uk/parents-learning-allowance>

Childcare Grant – to help towards registered childcare costs.

You can get 85% of your childcare costs or a fixed maximum amount, whichever is less.

The maximum you can get is:

- up to £188.90 a week for 1 child
- up to £323.85 a week for 2 or more children

<https://www.gov.uk/childcare-grant>

Adult Dependents' Grant – up to **£3,354** extra help for students with other adults financially dependent upon them <https://www.gov.uk/adult-dependants-grant>

Postgraduate funding

Loans to help fund the cost of Master's courses are available.

Student Finance England

A loan of **£12,167** is available. Funding is per course and not per year.

<https://www.gov.uk/masters-loan>.

This funding may also be available to eligible EU students.

If you do not apply within nine months of the start of your academic year, you may lose your right to apply.

Certain postgraduate courses are funded as undergraduate courses, at Worcester these are MSc Midwifery, MSc Occupational Therapy, MSc Physiotherapy.

Student Finance Wales

A mixture of loan and grant totalling **£18,770** is available.

<https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/postgraduate-finance/#.WQITsPIViAo>

This table shows how much you could get based on examples of household income:

Household income	Loan	Grant	Total
£18,370 or less	£11,885	£6,885	£18,770
£25,000	£12,840	£5,930	£18,770
£35,000	£14,282	£4,488	£18,770
£45,000	£15,723	£3,047	£18,770
£59,200 or more	£17,770	£1,000	£18,770

Student Finance Northern Ireland

A tuition fee loan of **£6500** is available.

<https://www.studentfinancenir.co.uk/types-of-finance/postgraduate/>

Student Awards Agency Scotland

A tuition fee loan of **£7,000** and a living costs loan of up to **£4,500** may be available.

<https://www.saas.gov.uk/full-time/postgraduate-funding-information>

Disabled Students' Allowance

Help with extra costs due to mental health problems, long term illness or disability

<https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas>

NHS Learning Support Fund?

The NHS LSF provides additional funding for eligible healthcare students. It is supplementary financial support to the mainstream student loans system and is intended to support students whilst they train and gain professional registration.

It is made up of the following allowances:



Training Grant (non-income assessed)

£5,000 per academic year for eligible new and continuing students



Specialist subject payment (non-income assessed)

£1,000 for students studying a specialist subject.



Parental Support (non-income assessed)

New and continuing students with parental responsibility for at least one child may be entitled to up to **£2,000** per academic year.



Travel and Dual Accommodation Expenses (non-income assessed)

Reimbursement of additional travel and temporary accommodation costs incurred as a result of attending a practice placement. If your placement travel costs are more than your regular travel costs to university, you may get the extra amount paid to you through this scheme.



Exceptional Support Fund (income-assessed)

Up to **£3,000** per academic year for students who find themselves in unforeseen financial hardship.

Please see the NHSBSA website: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/learning-support-fund> for all eligibility criteria.

Access to Learning Fund



The University Hardship Fund is called the Access to Learning Fund (<https://www2.worc.ac.uk/moneyadvice/access-to-learning-fund.html>).

It is a non-repayable grant administered by The University of Worcester to help eligible students who are experiencing financial difficulties.

You must be a Home or EU (but not non-EU International) student as defined by Student Finance England, registered on a course at the University of Worcester or registered as a University of Worcester Student at a Partner College, but not including 'Direct Funding' students who pay fees directly to the Partner College.

Please note, the Access to Learning Fund is limited and not all applicants will receive financial help or cover for their entire financial shortfall.

Applicants must already have started their course.

Students must have applied for all the financial support to which they are entitled, including the maximum Student Loans, Grants & allowances following financial assessment by Student Finance, or a Postgraduate Loan as appropriate, and any Welfare Benefits, Tax Credits or Universal Credit that they (or their partner) are entitled to.

The fund cannot be used to help students pay their tuition fees.

For more information about the fund or to make an appointment with a Money Adviser for help with completing the application, email firstpoint at: firstpoint@worc.ac.uk

Students' Union Student Adviser can also help with the completion of application forms - for an appointment complete the SU's online enquiry form.

Trust Funds

There are many Trust Funds and Charities that have been set up to support students in Higher Education. A significant number of applicants at the University have been successful in their requests for financial support and have been awarded amounts ranging from £200 to £2,000.

Eligibility

Eligibility may depend upon a wide range of criteria, for example:

- where an applicant is from
- where they went to school
- their chosen course or career path
- whether they have a disability or medical condition
- whether they are at a financial disadvantage compared to other students

Searching for Trust Funds

The Directory of Social Change publishes "The Educational Grants Directory" which lists details of charities and trust funds - a copy of this directory can be accessed via the University Money Advisers and the Hive.

In addition, there are several websites which provide information on charitable trusts and alternative funding, some of which include a Grant search facility to help students identify appropriate funding based on individual circumstances and needs - see below:

- **Turn2Us** is a charitable service which helps people access welfare benefits, educational grants, and other help. Individuals can search their database to find funding.
- **Postgraduate Studentships** is designed for postgraduates and intending postgraduates.
- **British Council** gives information and advice to international students and includes a postgraduate scholarship finder.
- **Prospects** is a graduate careers website which also provides information on sources of funding for postgraduate students.
- **Postgrad.com** offers advice and study bursaries to the value of £500.
- **The Scholarship Hub** has a comprehensive database of funding for UK/EU undergraduates and postgraduates.

Students are advised to apply for help from trust funds as soon as they can because some charities use up their funding allocations fairly early in the academic year.