Pre-Nursing Majors and Financial Aid Eligibility
Effective Summer 2019

To be in compliance with U.S. Department of Education Federal Financial Aid regulations, Hawai‘i Community College will no longer award Pell grants to pre-Nursing students completing preparatory coursework for the A.S. Nursing (NURS) and C.A. Practical Nursing (PRCN) programs.

Pre-Nursing students who have NOT previously earned a Liberal Arts or Bachelor’s or higher degree, and are eligible to receive the Pell grant, may change their major to Liberal Arts Exploratory Health Sciences (LBRT-EXHS) or Liberal Arts (LBRT), and may possibly receive Pell grant funding and/or a student loan.

Pre-Nursing students who HAVE previously earned a Liberal Arts or Bachelor’s or higher degree, and are classified as a NURS or PRCN major are ineligible for the Pell grant and federal, student loans. Effective Summer 2019, any incoming, pre-Nursing student who has previously earned a Liberal Arts or Bachelor’s or higher degree will be admitted to Hawai‘i Community College as an Unclassified (UNCL) major.

Once a student is admitted into the actual NURS or PRCN program, the student may change their major to NURS or PRCN, and may be eligible to receive the Pell grant and/or student loans, as long as the student has not previously earned a Bachelor’s or higher degree.

Please consult with an academic counselor (934-2720 in Hilo and 969-8816 in Kona) or financial aid advisor (934-2712) to determine what is the best for your individual situation.