



## **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.