While fully free nursing programs are rare, many institutions and initiatives offer substantial financial support, scholarships, or work-study opportunities to assist aspiring nurses in managing tuition costs. However, here are some notable programs and resources that offer tuition-free or fully funded nursing education:

1. University of Rochester School of Nursing

- **Program:** UR Nursing Scholars Program
- Description: This program covers 100% of tuition costs for students enrolled in the Accelerated Bachelor's in Nursing (ABSN) program. In return, graduates commit to working at participating UR Medicine facilities for three years after passing the NCLEX-RN® licensure exam.
- Website: <u>https://son.rochester.edu/ur-nursing-scholars/index.html</u>
- 2. University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing
 - **Program:** Leonard A. Lauder Community Care Nurse Practitioner Program
 - **Description:** This tuition-free program recruits and trains nurse practitioners to provide primary care in underserved communities across the U.S.
 - Website: https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/live/news/2094-university-of-pennsylvania-annou nces-new

3. Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing

- **Program:** Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Entry into Nursing Program
- Description: Designed for individuals holding a bachelor's degree in another discipline, this full-time graduate program leads to an MSN. Approximately 90% of students receive scholarships or grants, with awards ranging from \$10,000 to full tuition.
- Website: https://www.profellow.com/fellowships/fully-funded-masters-programs-in-nursing/

4. University of Mary

- **Program:** Tuition-Free Nursing Academy
- **Description:** Launched in September 2023, this pathway offers motivated first-year, full-time freshmen the opportunity to complete their nursing degree in less than three years with guaranteed employment upon graduation.
- Website:

https://www.umary.edu/academics/schools/saint-gianna-school-health-sciences/n ursing-academy

- 5. Nurse Corps Scholarship Program
 - **Description:** This federal program offers scholarships covering tuition, fees, and other educational costs, along with a monthly stipend. In exchange, recipients commit to working at eligible health care facilities with critical nursing shortages upon graduation.
 - Website: <u>https://bhw.hrsa.gov/programs/nurse-corps/scholarship/apply</u>

6. Vermont Nursing Workforce Incentive Loan Program

• **Description:** Funded by the Vermont Legislature, this program offers interest-free, forgivable loans covering up to full tuition for qualified students

pursuing nursing careers in Vermont. Recipients must commit to working full-time as nurses in Vermont for a specified period after licensure.

- Website: <u>https://www.vsac.org/pursue-career-nursing-tuition-free</u>
- 7. LCMC Health Called-to-Care Scholars Program
 - **Description:** This program provides up to three years of tuition coverage in the New Orleans metropolitan area. In exchange, scholars pledge to work at LCMC Health upon graduation and passing the NCLEX.
 - Website: <u>https://www.chamberlain.edu/called-to-care-scholars-program</u>
- 8. McGill University
 - **Program:** Master of Science (Applied) Nurse Practitioner
 - Description: Based in Canada, McGill offers a fully funded master's program with concentrations in Primary Care, Mental Health, Neonatal, Pediatric, and Adult Care. Funding up to \$60,000 is available through the Ministry of Health and Social Services for eligible students.
 - Website:
 - https://www.profellow.com/fellowships/fully-funded-masters-programs-in-nursing/
- 9. Bronx Educational Opportunity Center (SUNY Bronx EOC)
 - **Program:** Tuition-Free Programs
 - Description: Offers various tuition-free educational programs, including healthcare-related training. Prospective students should contact the center directly to inquire about available nursing or healthcare programs.
 - Website: <u>https://www.bronxeoc.org/</u>

Additionally, the **American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)** provides a comprehensive directory of nursing education programs across the U.S., which can be filtered to identify institutions offering financial aid or scholarships:

 AACN Member Program Directory: <u>https://www.aacnnursing.org/about-aacn/member-schools</u>

Additionally, many nursing programs offer substantial financial aid packages, scholarships, or work-study opportunities to assist students in managing tuition costs. It's advisable to research individual programs thoroughly and reach out to their admissions or financial aid offices for detailed information on available funding options.

Please note that program availability and eligibility criteria can change. It's essential to consult the official websites or contact the institutions directly for the most current information.