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MEMORANDUM TO: Professional health care associations in Ontario

FROM: The Honourable Jill Dunlop
Minister of Colleges and Universities

SUBJECT: **Ontario Learn and Stay Grant**

The Government of Ontario is [expanding the Ontario Learn and Stay Grant](#) to train more health care workers. The grant, which was announced in March 2022 for students who enrol in nursing programs, will also include paramedic and medical laboratory technologist programs in priority communities.

Eligible students who apply for the [Ontario Learn and Stay Grant](#) will receive full, upfront funding for tuition, books and other direct educational costs, such as equipment and supplies. In return, graduates will commit to working and caring for people in the region where they studied for a term of service after they graduate, helping to fill critical roles in priority communities.

For the 2023-24 academic year, the Ontario Learn and Stay Grant will focus on these programs and regions:

- Nursing programs in northern, eastern and southwestern Ontario
- Medical Laboratory Technologist/Medical Laboratory Sciences programs in northern and southwestern Ontario
- Paramedic programs in northern Ontario

By providing targeted financial incentives to encourage students to learn and work in priority communities, the Ontario Learn and Stay Grant will ensure that health care professionals get the training they need to make immediate impacts in local hospitals, long-term care homes and other health care facilities following graduation.

An extensive outreach campaign is underway this winter to raise awareness of the grant among stakeholders and prospective students. Materials about the new grant are [available for download](#) and I encourage you to share this information with your networks. I also encourage you to follow the Ministry of Colleges and Universities' social channels for more information and to reshare our posts on the Ontario Learn and Stay Grant.

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Thank you for your collaboration and support as we continue to take action to build up the province's health care workforce to ensure patients can access the health care they need when they need it, no matter where they live.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Jill Dunlop
Minister of Colleges and Universities

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