



# TELL *the* DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION: ***WE ARE PROFESSIONALS***

A new rule by the U.S. Department of Education would exclude nurses, social workers and public health workers from being considered “professionals.”

The rule would restrict access to federal student loans for these and other dedicated professionals who want to pursue a graduate degree.

As a result, the path to an advanced degree would be blocked for many nurses, social workers and others from important public service fields.

AFSCME’s tens of thousands of nurses, health care workers and social workers deserve respect for the work we do – *and that means being classified as the professionals we are.*

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PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS ARE  
PROFESSIONALS!**

