

You have indicated that you plan to use Federal Direct Loans fund your education. In order to utilize this funding during your enrollment with Rasmussen University you will need to complete Entrance Counseling.

## 1. Complete Entrance Counseling

- Log into [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) using your FSA ID that was used to sign the FAFSA
- At the main menu, use the menu option on the right with the orange banner for **Learn what it means to take out a federal student loan**. Click "Entrance Counseling"
- Select "Start" for the option: **Complete Entrance Counseling**
- Be sure to select your Rasmussen University Campus' state and location in the **Add School to Notify** section
- Select the counseling type based upon the degree program you are enrolled in with Rasmussen University
  - The first option is for undergraduate (Certificate, Diploma, Associate's and Bachelor's programs)
  - The second option is for *graduate* (Master's programs)
- The next few screens will access your actual Federal Direct loan history from the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) and walk through expected payment amounts now and in the future. There will also be some "Check Your Knowledge" sections along the way to make sure the information is making sense to you
- Be sure to continue on through to the end of the form. You will need to click "Submit Counseling" once you have reached the bottom of the final page

Once you have finished Entrance Counseling, Rasmussen University will be notified of your completion of this requirement from the Department of Education.

Please note, in addition to Entrance Counseling, the Department of Education also requires students sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN) before Direct Loan funding will be released to your student account at Rasmussen University. We also encourage you to complete the Student Loan Acknowledgment online at the same website, [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).