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Building Academic Geriatric Capacity through Doctoral Course Sharing

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Purpose

- **Brief overview of the Hartford Geriatric Nursing Initiatives.**
- **Describe the consortium between NEXus and NHCGNE.**



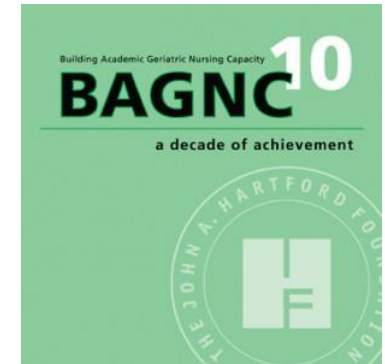
Hartford Geriatric Nursing Initiatives

- **Goal: Build Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity**
- **Hartford Centers for Gerontological Nursing Excellence**
- **BAGNC Coordinating Center**
- **National Hartford Center for Gerontological Nursing Excellence**



Hartford Centers of Gerontological Nursing Excellence

- **Arizona State University**
- **Oregon Health & Science University**
- **Pennsylvania State University**
- **University of Iowa**
- **University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences**
- **University of California – San Francisco**
- **University of Minnesota**
- **University of Pennsylvania**
- **University of Utah**



NHCGNE – Founding Members

- **Arizona State University**
- **Oregon Health & Science University**
- **Pennsylvania State University**
- **University of Iowa**
- **University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences**
- **University of California – San Francisco**
- **University of Minnesota**
- **University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center**
- **University of Utah**

NHCGNE Member Institutions

- **43 member institutions**
- <http://www.nhcgne.org/membership/member-institutions>



Concerns of the NHCGNE

- **The aging population of the United States is expected to reach 20% of the US population.***
- **The healthcare workforce is “too small and critically unprepared” to meet the health needs of older adults.***
- **A rate-limiting factor in preparing nurses to address the needs of this population is the lack of gerontological nursing faculty.**

** (IOM, 2008)*

NHCGNE – NEXus Partnership

- Discussion ensued between Directors of Hartford Centers for Excellence, NHCGNE, and NEXus.
- The OHSU Hartford Center for Excellence was the recipient of a grant to enact the project resulting from the earlier discussions.
- An MOU was signed between NHCGNE and NEXus to solidify the new collaboration.

NEXus – NHCgNE MOU

- **Created a collaboration for schools/colleges to join both NHCgNE and NEXus, and to jointly promote the collaborative effort.**
- **Issued RFA for up to 10 awards.**
- **Conduct two distance accessible technical assistance workshops for potential applicants.**
- **Projects began expanded gerontological nursing course sharing in the 2013-2014 AY.**
- **Contemplates adding members annually.**

NHCGNE Grant

- **Funded by John A. Hartford Foundation through the Gerontological Society of America.**
- **Schools of nursing with demonstrated strength in gerontological nursing were encouraged to apply for an award of \$10,000.**
- **The grantees eligible for reduced fees for the first 3 years of NEXus membership.**
- **The grantees must also join the National Hartford Centers of Gerontological Nursing Excellence (NHCGNE).**

Selection Criteria

- **Demonstrated strength or high potential for expertise: gerontological nursing/gerontology;**
- **Curricular strength in gerontology/geriatric nursing;**
- **Interested cadre of gerontology nursing faculty;**
- **Funded programs of research in nursing care of older adults; and**
- **Committed institutional leaders who provide letters of support.**

Program Requirements

- **Offer distance-accessible doctoral level courses;**
- **Execute the NEXus MOU expeditiously;**
- **Demonstrate a cadre of doctoral students willing to avail themselves of the gerontological nursing courses; and,**
- **Accept the NEXus Guiding Principles, Bylaws, and other core documents.**

NEXus & NHCONE Supports

- **An orientation webinar explaining NEXus and the NHCONE grant for schools considering an application.**
- **Technical webinars with campus implementation teams, e.g., registrars, financial aid officers, directors of PhD and DNP programs.**

Grant-Funded Participants are:

- **Full academic collaborators of NEXus, so will both offer courses and send students to take courses from other members.**
- **Members of the NEXus Executive Committee, the governing body.**
- **Participants in the tuition split.**

Outcomes

- **Five schools responded to RFA, four joined**
- **Case Western Reserve first to execute MOU**
- **Other schools:**
 - The Ohio State University
 - University of Iowa
 - University of California – San Francisco

Conclusions

- **The new schools are already contributing courses, not just in gerontological nursing, but in philosophy of science as well.**
- **This is a model that could be replicated by other interest groups (e.g., oncology, pediatric nursing...).**