

**NEXUS**

THE NURSING EDUCATION XCHANGE



# NEXUS/HARTFORD: A CONSORTIUM MODEL TO EXPAND GERONTOLOGY EDUCATION & RESEARCH

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# Purpose/Aims

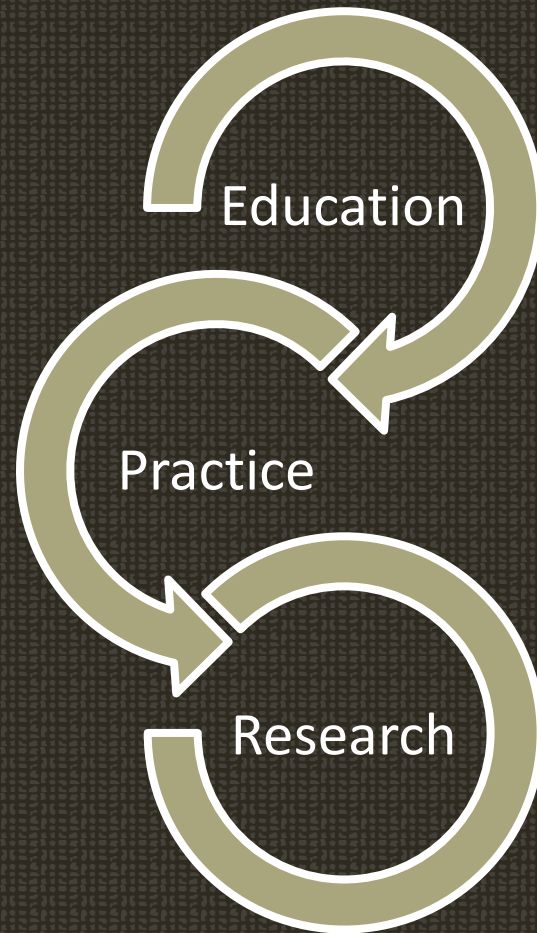
- Create a united front for doctoral education.
- Meet budgetary constraints through collaboration.
- Expand the impact of two initiatives on nursing education, research, scholarship and practice.

# Background

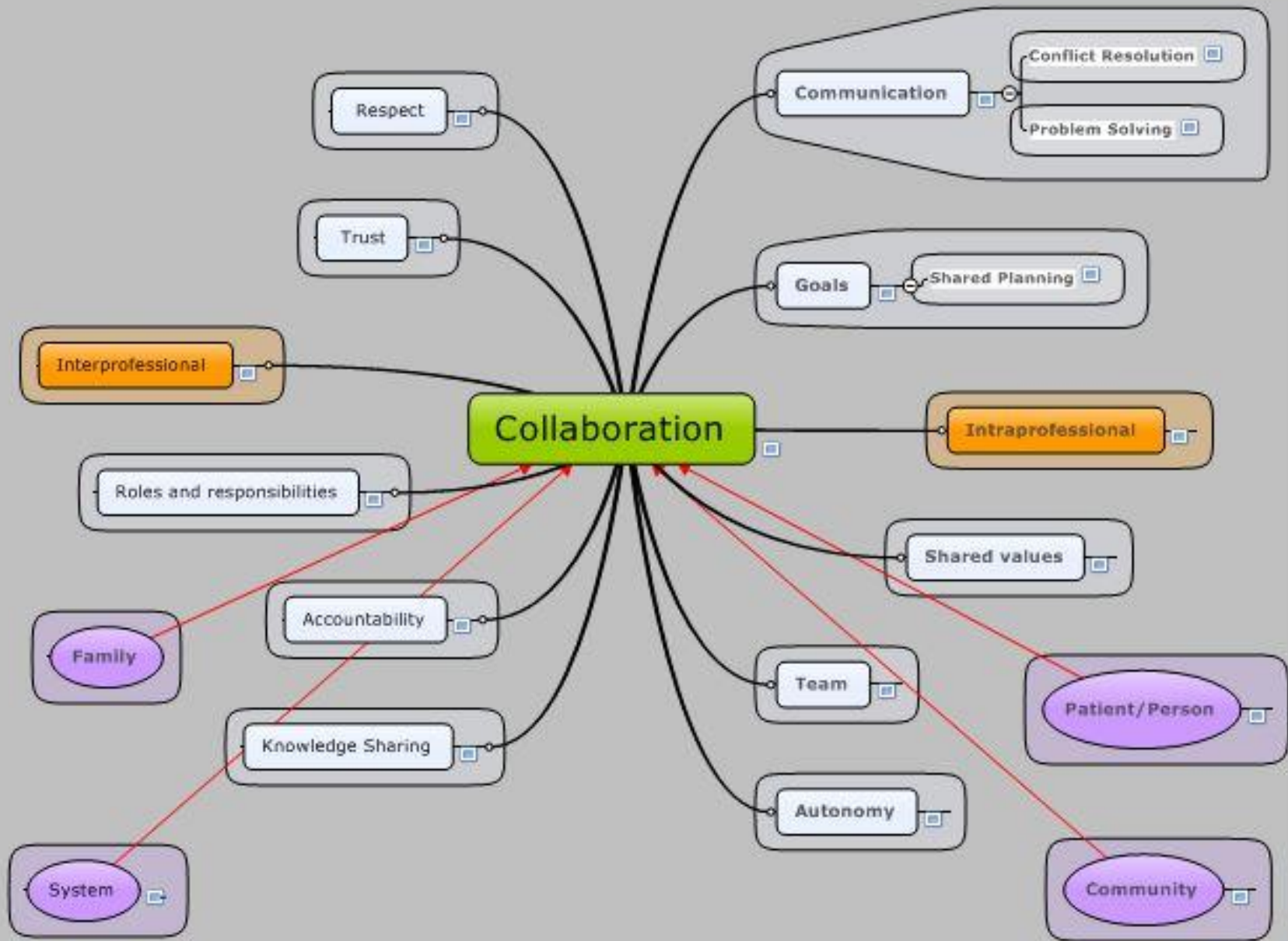
## Rationale for NEXus consortium arrangements

- Provide a way to increase equity and access of faculty, students and institutions to educational programs in nursing.
- Promote a pathway to establish research partnerships.
- Operate on a concept of collaboration.

# Collaboration



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# Benefits

- **Potential for equitable participation in environments competing for resources**
- **Access for students and faculty to available resources, educational programs and research**
- **Potential for collaborative research and scholarly projects**
- **Capacity to insure equity and access in doctoral education in nursing**
- **Continued sustainability**
- **Assistance in meeting institutional budgetary constraints**

# Challenges

- Funding from agencies and institutions
- Complexity of consortium arrangements
- Sustainability of collaborative arrangements



# Success of NEXus

- Operating Principles
  - clear memoranda of agreement
  - participating institutions commitment to education and research, scholarship and practice
  - identified core values such as mutual trust and respect among colleagues
  - attention to sustainability
- Track record



# Attraction for National Initiatives such as the National Hartford Centers

- Expand course offerings
- Increase research and scholarship potential for participating institutions
- Increase institutional collaboration of public and private universities
- Contribute to the mission of NHGNE Centers to enhance and sustain academic capacity to prepare nurses to provide quality care for older adults.