What is NEXus?

NEXus - The Nursing Xchange is where institutions collaborate from around the country to achieve a cost effective way to expand doctoral-level academic opportunities for their students and grow online class enrollment.

How it Works

Students from member institutions choose from a catalog of over 350 online graduate course offerings from 17 universities. PhD, DNP and select Masters-level students take full advantage of their existing financial aid packages, pay the common tuition price, and earn credits towards their own university’s program.

Bo Perry Welcomed as New Project Director and Executive Director, WIN

Western Institute of Nursing’s (WIN) President, Donna Velasquez, and the Board of Governors announced that Bo Perry (pictured) has been designated as the next executive director, effective March 9, 2019. Bo as selected to replace retiring director Paula McNeil. Since 2010 Bo has been involved with WIN in his role as Conference Planner and most recently he held the position of Assistant Director of WIN. The executive director is also the project director of NEXus.

NEXus began in 2004, registered its first class in 2006, and has grown to enroll more than 850 students from 17 universities, with course offerings exceeding 300. We welcome Bo in his new role and look forward to continuing to expand NEXus in future years through his work and the continued work of the NEXus Executive Committee.
NEXus Graduates, Growing the Workforce

Students from NEXus member institutions are completing their respective degrees and graduating, contributing 212 well-prepared doctoral level nurses to date.

Faculty are saying...

“Having NEXus students in our classes has been engaging and energizing for both faculty and students. We have formed new and fruitful research partnerships from relationships that began with a class.”

MARY ANN MEEKER
ASSISTANT DEAN, PHD PROGRAM, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO

NEXus Enrollments

Registrations have grown to over 825 since the program began in 2006. As many as 120 students are registered in a given academic year.

Students are saying...

“I had an opportunity to study with an expert in the field. I would not have had that opportunity without NEXus. Thank you!”

“My school needs NEXus to facilitate electives. It creates a wonderful opportunity and less stress for us to find electives. I can’t imagine how electives would be found without NEXus.”

*Course enrollments through Summer 2018
Gaining Access to an Expert – The NEXus Student Experience

Rene Ovando, PhD Student, Loma Linda University 2018

Course: NGC 602 Data Science Application in Healthcare
Teaching Institution: University at Buffalo
Instructor (pictured): Sharon Hewner, PhD, RN, FAAN;
Department Chair – Family, Community & Health Systems
Sciences; Associate Professor

“I really love my NEXus course (Data Science)! I have only positive things to say about the ease and convenience of a synchronous virtual classroom, exposure to a professor who is an expert in the field, and the value of writing NIH style proposals and working though the complexities of big data.”

“I think it's important for very focused individuals (doctoral students) to have access to a larger course catalog for meaningful and relevant learning. This course allowed me to think critically about real-world data collection challenges, approaches, and research design, and to practice data exploration, cleansing and analysis with a large data set that excites me because it is specific to my field of interest. I look forward to finalizing our study proposal using real claims data from their university’s access to the State Medicaid Data Warehouse and studying the long-term effects of advanced stroke treatments.”

“Having access to the expertise of the NEXus course instructor and large university resources has made for a very purposeful experience that could possibly lead to publication and more importantly, new knowledge.”

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Mapping Where Students Come From

Benefits of Membership

The Positive Impact on Your Institution

- The ability to fill seats in classes and generate additional income.
- Collaborators can offer a broader range of courses than any single university.
- Faculty can reach a larger group of students with specialized courses.
- Students have access to study with experts in their particular field of focus through member institutions.