Thank you for your interest in NEXus – The Nursing Education Xchange.

NEXus is a partnership comprised of schools/colleges of nursing that offer distance accessible doctoral courses. Our purpose is to create a link between institutions in order to expand the capacity of doctoral programs of nursing. Courses are offered through collaborative efforts with other universities, giving doctoral students greater access to high quality education.

What are the benefits to an institution who is a member of NEXus?

► Participate in a cost-effective, proven collaboration
► Give students access to experts in their respective areas of specialty
► Fill course seats with NEXus registrations, reducing the number of cancelled classes
► Access over 300 online doctoral nursing courses annually
► Retain your students and assist them with timely degree completions.

Two levels of membership are available:
1. Academic Collaborator: A college of nursing that participates as a teaching and a home institution;
2. Academic Affiliate: A college of nursing that participates solely as a home institution and does not offer shared courses.

Enclosed is an information packet about the Project and its membership. The application itself as well as steps to join, membership fees and tuition information, and FAQ are included as well.

We are available to answer any questions you might have. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Anne Boerner, the project manager, at nexus@ohsu.edu or 503-494-7671.

Thank you for considering membership in NEXus.

Bo Perry
Project Director
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- Arizona State University
- Loma Linda University
- Oregon Health & Science University
- The Ohio State University
- The University of Iowa
- The University of Oklahoma
- The University of Texas at Tyler
- University at Buffalo
- University of Colorado
- University of Hawaii at Manoa
- University of Kansas
- University of Nevada Las Vegas
- University of New Mexico
- University of Northern Colorado
- University of Utah
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Washington State University
Guiding Principles

Adopted: January 27, 2006
Revised: July 12, 2007; Revised: September 10, 2009

The deans and directors of the Schools/Colleges of Nursing Doctoral programs that are members of, and collaborators in, the “NEXus – The Nursing Education Xchange” project have agreed, on behalf of their respective faculties, to the following principles and procedures in order to facilitate the development and delivery of inter-institutional graduate courses through their respective institutions. This document is not a legally binding agreement but rather a statement of operating principles to guide and facilitate cooperation between and among the member institutions. Failure of any institution to observe the principles set forth herein will not give rise to a claim for breach or damages by any signatory.

For the purposes of this document, the NEXus refers to the collaboration among the Doctoral programs in NEXus-designated Schools/Colleges of Nursing in their respective institutions, and the home institution refers to the institution to which students are admitted and from which the degrees are conferred (see Appendix A.2). The teaching institution refers to the institution providing the instruction. Cluster, for the purposes of this document, refers to a group of courses in a designated topic area. Exchange courses are individual offerings designated by the Academic Collaborators.

Principle 1:
The participating Doctoral programs mutually respect the academic standards and quality of the accredited universities involved in this collaboration. Therefore:

1.1 Courses approved for delivery in this project will be exempt from transfer credit policies.
1.2 Faculty members who provide instruction in this project must carry appropriate faculty status at their home institution for teaching Doctoral courses. Students admitted as degree-seeking students by a NEXus home institution will be accepted by all other member institutions for enrollment in courses that are a part of the project. Student admission to a Doctoral program will be based on the criteria established at the home institution and its designated programs.
1.3 The teaching institution will determine the number of students admitted to an elective course.

Principle 2:
The participating NEXus members recognize that the implementation of the NEXus project at each institution may best be accomplished using procedures and practices that are inherent to those respective institutions, therefore:

2.1 The NEXus project will include individual exchange courses.
2.2 Students in a NEXus-participating Doctoral program may enroll in NEXus courses through the home institution.
2.3 Each School/College of Nursing is responsible for obtaining initial approval and approval of any changes in the courses through the processes that are in place and required by their respective institutions, and for informing NEXus partners of these changes.

2.4 Each School/College of Nursing, when serving as the home institution for a given student, will utilize the same deadlines and procedures as used for its other degree-seeking graduate students in areas not specifically addressed in this document. This would include, but not be limited to, the requirements for plans of study, approval of graduate committees, and participation in graduation.

2.5 Courses taken in the NEXus project will be recorded on a transcript by the home institution.

Principle 3:

The NEXus partners commit to minimizing the unique challenges and barriers for students that might otherwise occur in an inter-institutional distance education project. Therefore,

3.1 Each institution will facilitate the exchange of information relative to courses completed and grades earned consistent with federal regulations for the release of information.

3.2 A common database of student and course information will be established by the NEXus project to facilitate the transfer of student and course information between the home institution and the teaching institution.

3.3 The teaching institution will provide course management support.

3.4 The student’s home institution will provide student services.

3.5 The teaching institution that is offering the course will provide access to academic resources (e.g., library resources, software).

3.6 Matriculated students from NEXus member institutions will have priority registration over students not matriculated in NEXus member institutions.

NEXus Guiding Principles Adopted 01/27/2006, Revised 07/12/2007, Revised 09/10/09

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Memorandum of Understanding  
Approved: October 17, 2007

The Nursing Education Xchange (hereafter called NEXus) is comprised of academic colleges that offer distance-accessible graduate courses in Doctoral Programs in Nursing.

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into by Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing, University of Colorado Denver School of Nursing, University of Northern Colorado School of Nursing, and University of Utah College of Nursing regarding the creation of this collaborative program called “NEXus.” It is understood that additional parties may be invited to join this cooperative effort as NEXus Academic Collaborators and shall be entitled to all rights and responsibilities as any signatory of this Memorandum of Understanding (collectively, the “NEXus Academic Collaborators”).

The NEXus Academic Collaborators who now or in the future execute this Memorandum of Understanding are joining together in a cooperative and collaborative effort called NEXus for the purpose of mutually serving a multitude of needs in nursing education. The current and future NEXus Academic Collaborators share the goal of providing adequate and appropriate education for nursing students. Each NEXus Academic Collaborator shall contribute time for planning; for administering and implementing the operational plan; for sharing professional knowledge, and for demonstrating a desire to solve the regional and national problem of severe nursing shortage, as described in this Memorandum of Understanding.

Other institutions will be invited to participate in NEXus (collectively, the ”NEXus Academic Affiliates”). NEXus Academic Affiliates will not be NEXus Academic Collaborators, and shall not have the rights or obligations of NEXus Academic Collaborators under this Memorandum of Understanding, except for the specific rights and obligations of NEXus Academic Affiliates described in this paragraph. NEXus Academic Affiliates shall have the right to have their students enroll in certain online courses offered by each NEXus Academic Collaborator. NEXus Academic Affiliates will not have any voting rights, be required to offer online courses in the NEXus program to NEXUS Academic Collaborators or other NEXus Academic Affiliates, nor be part of any “financial aid consortium agreement” as a result of signing this Memorandum of Understanding or participating in the NEXus program. NEXus Academic Affiliates shall be subject to the termination provisions in Section X. To become a NEXus Academic Affiliate, an institution shall sign this Memorandum of Understanding indicating its capacity as a NEXus Academic Affiliate.

To provide a method of operation by which NEXus Academic Collaborators and NEXus Academic Affiliates can conduct collaborative efforts and in consideration of the mutual agreements in this Memorandum of Understanding, NEXus Academic Collaborators and NEXus Academic Affiliates agree to the following:

I. **Description and Mission.** NEXus is a collaborative project of the NEXus Academic Collaborators and the Western Institute of Nursing aimed at expanding capacity of nursing doctoral programs throughout the United States through cooperative efforts by making available to doctoral students at each NEXus Academic Collaborator and NEXus Academic Affiliate Institution certain online courses offered by each NEXus Academic Collaborator. The overall goal is to facilitate the
The collaborative efforts of Nursing doctoral programs to: (a) increase the number of doctorally-prepared nursing faculty who can teach nursing students and thereby contribute to reducing the severe nursing shortage in the U.S.; and (b) give students greater access to high quality education.

II. **NEXus Program Governance.** The NEXus program shall be governed in accordance with the NEXus Bylaws and related Policies and Procedures approved by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of one (1) representative of each NEXus Academic Collaborator. The Executive Committee’s responsibilities shall include, without limitation, establishing an operational plan, which shall be reviewed and amended as needed at least annually. Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be enacted by consensus when possible. Otherwise, a majority vote of the NEXus Academic Collaborators will determine decisions, with each of the NEXus Academic Collaborators having one vote. If one of the NEXus Academic Collaborators is impacted greater than the other parties, that one party has the right to appeal such decision.

III. **Funding.** Each NEXus Academic Collaborator shall bear its own costs of any activity, project, course, or cognate undertaken by the NEXus program that is not funded by a contract, grant, or other support. No NEXus Academic Collaborator shall have any financial obligation or liability regarding the NEXus program unless approved by such Collaborator. There shall be no joint obligations or liabilities of the NEXus Academic Collaborators.

IV. **Administration and Management.** Each NEXus Academic Collaborator and all NEXus Academic Affiliates shall act in accordance with the Guiding Principles approved by the Executive Committee. Each NEXus Academic Collaborator and all NEXus Academic Affiliates shall provide administrative oversight and program management in accordance with NEXus Bylaws and related Policies and Procedures.

V. **Additional Academic Collaborator Responsibilities.** Each NEXus Academic Collaborator has the following responsibilities related to the NEXus program:

a. Support the development and delivery of courses taught by its faculty.

b. Provide student services and internet-based program information to support NEXus.

c. Provide the agreed-on enrollment capacity for each course it has proposed to teach, according to the published schedule and institutional policies regarding minimum enrollments.

d. Comply with the pricing and fee sharing agreements for NEXus students.

VI. **Other Responsibilities.** The NEXus Academic Collaborators shall each be responsible for the inter-institutional course exchange and cognates and shall:

a. Participate in the leadership of NEXus by attending Executive Committee meetings, serving as members of the Executive Committee or other committees, and providing administrative support for the inter-institutional cognates and course exchange.

b. Support faculty participation in the planning and implementation of NEXus initiatives as appropriate.

c. Appoint a representative to the NEXus Executive Committee, maintain course and cognate information in the NEXus course catalog, and support inter-institutional programs with faculty and technological resources as agreed on in separate memoranda.
d. Commit to faculty development and course or cognate evaluations that assure quality educational outcomes.

e. Overcome the administrative barriers to students enrolling in shared courses and cognates.

f. If a decision is made to discontinue NEXus, every effort will be made, in accordance with NEXus policies and procedures, to allow currently enrolled NEXus students to complete courses in their official plans of study within two years from the dissolution date.

g. Consider this document to be a commitment to entering into a “financial aid consortium agreement,” such that each NEXus Academic Collaborator will:

1) Recognize the admitting institution as the home institution. All other institutions will be considered teaching (host) institutions.

2) If a teaching (host) institution, provide information and assistance to the home institution to assure compliance with all applicable financial aid regulations.

3) If a teaching (host) institution, assist in the verification of attendance (including the last date of contact for students who have unofficially withdrawn) and shall provide the student’s grades and other relevant information to the home institution.

4) Assist academic collaborators in complying with existing or new financial aid regulations that emerge subsequent to the signing of this document.

VII. Academic Courses. Institutional courses designated as NEXus courses will be:

a. Taught by faculty approved by the NEXus Academic Collaborator that provides the instruction.

b. Taught as approved by the course approval process of the NEXus teaching institution.

VIII. Property. Supplies, facilities, equipment, or other property received or acquired by any NEXus Academic Collaborators solely as a result of participation in NEXus activities shall remain dedicated for use on NEXus activities and may be shared by other NEXus Academic Collaborators provided that ownership of and obligations related to such properties shall remain with the NEXus Academic Collaborator which received or acquired the same.

IX. Intellectual Property. All discoveries, technology, trademarks, copyrights, patents, and other intellectual property arising out of or in connection with NEXus program courses or cognates shall be owned and governed by the applicable NEXus Academic Collaborator authoring, creating or conceiving and reducing it to practice and shall be subject to the extent applicable to such terms and conditions as may be contained in any agreement that such NEXus Academic Collaborator may have with the sponsors, and shall be subject to the institutional intellectual property policies of such NEXus Academic Collaborator.

X. Termination. Based on the NEXus Bylaws, the Executive Committee shall determine involuntary termination of NEXus participation, based on nonpayment, nonparticipation, or other just cause. A NEXus Academic Collaborator and NEXus Academic Affiliate may terminate its participation in the NEXus program and withdraw from this Memorandum of Understanding by providing written notification to the NEXus Executive Committee. Said notification must be given at least one (1) year in advance of termination of participation.
XI. **No Partnership or Joint Venture Formed.** Any provision of this Memorandum of Understanding or the Guiding Principles to the contrary notwithstanding, (i) all NEXus Academic Collaborators intend that the relationship of such parties with respect to the NEXus program or otherwise is at all times and for all purposes that of independent contractors, (ii) no current or future party or parties to this Memorandum of Understanding is or are to be considered as agents or employees of any of the other parties for purpose of any statute or law or any other purpose, and (iii) it is not intended by this Memorandum of Understanding to, and nothing contained in this Memorandum of Understanding shall be construed to, create any partnership, joint venture, fiduciary or other similar relationship among the parties.

XII. **Dispute Resolution.** All NEXus Academic Collaborators and NEXus Academic Affiliates agree that they will attempt to resolve any and all disputes arising out of or related to this Memorandum of Understanding by discussion and negotiations among senior administration representatives of each party. If the same is not successful, the applicable dispute shall be submitted to non-binding mediation, and all parties agree to exercise good faith efforts to resolve all such disputes in mediation.

NEXus Memorandum of Understanding  
Approved March 19, 2007  
Amended October 17, 2007

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Signature Page

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of a copy of that certain NEXus – the Nursing Education Xchange Memorandum of Understanding to create the collaborative program called “NEXus”, executed March 19, 2007 and amended October 17, 2007 by and among Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing, the Regents of the University of Colorado, a body corporate, for and on behalf of the University of Colorado Denver College of Nursing, University of Northern Colorado School of Nursing, University of Utah College of Nursing and the other academic colleges that have since joined as Academic Collaborators and Affiliates of NEXus. The undersigned hereby joins in the Agreement as an additional Academic Collaborator, and agrees to be bound by, and subject to, all of the covenants, terms and conditions of the Agreement as though an original party thereto, and shall perform all of the obligations of an Academic Collaborator under the Agreement.

Executed this _____day of ________________________, 20__.

________________________________________
Name of the Academic Collaborator

________________________________________
Signature of the Dean/Director of the School of Nursing

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Signature of the College/School Administrator

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Signature of the Distance Education Officer

________________________________________
Signature of the Graduate School Administrator

________________________________________
Signature of the University Academic Officer (Provost)
Bylaws

ARTICLE I. IDENTIFICATION
The name of this collaborative program is The Nursing Education Xchange (NEXus). Established by the Western Institute of Nursing (WIN), NEXus is comprised of Schools/Colleges of Nursing that offer distance-accessible graduate courses in Doctoral Programs in Nursing.

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
The purpose of NEXus is to enable member institutions to expand the capacity of doctoral programs in nursing in the United States by offering courses through collaborative efforts with other institutions, and thereby give doctoral students greater access to high quality education.

ARTICLE III. LEAD ORGANIZATION
The lead organization will be approved by the NEXus Executive Committee and shall be responsible for the NEXus administrative functions. The lead organization selects the chief executive officer.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP
Section 1. Qualifications
Institutions requesting membership in NEXus shall make a commitment to work cooperatively with other NEXus collaborators to accomplish the purpose of the organization as stated in Article II.

Section 2. NEXus Affiliation
Eligible institutions may participate in the Nursing Education Xchange (NEXus) in one of two manners: Academic Collaborator or Academic Affiliates. Academic Collaborators and Academic Affiliates shall support the mission, vision, and goals of NEXus.

a. NEXus Academic Collaborators: Academic Collaborators shall be academic schools/colleges of nursing doctoral programs engaged in cooperative efforts to provide inter-institutional course exchange, shall provide leadership and support for NEXus initiatives and projects, and shall participate in the governance of NEXus. Founding Academic Collaborators are the Schools/Colleges of Nursing at: Oregon Health and Science University, University of Colorado Denver, University of Northern Colorado, and University of Utah.

b. NEXus Academic Affiliates: Academic Affiliates shall include academic Schools/Colleges of Nursing that choose to have students enroll in the NEXus inter-institutional courses and do not participate in offering courses for the inter-institutional course exchange. Academic Affiliates shall not have voting privileges on the NEXus Executive Committee and may, but are not required to, attend meetings of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Application
Any institution requesting membership as an Academic Collaborator or Academic Affiliate in NEXus shall submit a request to the Chair of the NEXus Executive Committee. New Academic Collaborators and Academic Affiliates must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee.
Section 4. Dues
Dues for all categories of membership shall be established by the NEXus Executive Committee in accordance with the following criteria:

a. Only if needed, based on a review every three years of budgetary need and strategic plans;
b. In an amount not to exceed the Consumer Price Index over the preceding three years.

Dues increases for all categories of membership shall become effective the beginning of the next fiscal year after the year in which the NEXus Executive Committee determines need.

Section 5. Good Standing
To remain in good standing, Academic Collaborators of NEXus shall participate in project initiatives offered by NEXus through the development and implementation of the inter-institutional course exchange, payment of fees, and participation at the Executive Committee meetings. Academic Affiliates shall participate in the implementation of student access to inter-institutional course exchange, payment of fees, and other requirements of NEXus project initiatives.

Section 6. Voluntary Change in Affiliation Status
Members who wish to change their status from Academic Collaborators to Academic Affiliates, or from Academic Affiliate to Academic Collaborators shall notify the NEXus Executive Committee of the change.

Section 7. Involuntary Change in Affiliation Status
Members who fail to maintain the responsibilities of Academic Collaborators for a period of two (2) years, but who wish to remain members of NEXus shall automatically have their status changed to Academic Affiliates. The affected Collaborating Member and the NEXus Executive Committee will be notified of the change.

Section 8. Voluntary Termination of Membership
An institution may terminate its membership as a NEXus Academic Collaborator or an Academic Affiliate by submitting written notification to the NEXus Executive Committee stating its intention to withdraw from the NEXus. Written notification must be provided at least one (1) year prior to termination of membership.

Section 9. Involuntary Termination of Membership
Failure to maintain good standing over a one-year period shall be reviewed by the NEXus Executive Committee and may result in the loss of membership in NEXus.

ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Members of the NEXus Executive Committee shall serve two-year terms and shall be eligible for re-election to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is responsible for the overall policy and direction of NEXus, including all project initiatives and inter-institutional course exchange.
Section 1. Executive Committee
The NEXus Executive Committee shall consist of one representative from the Lead Organization and one representative from each Academic Collaborator institution to be appointed by the dean/director associated with the Academic Collaborator Schools/Colleges of Nursing.

Section 2. Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee
An annual meeting of the NEXus Executive Committee shall be held before the end of each fiscal year. The Chair of the Executive Committee shall determine the time and place of the meeting. Notice in writing or via e-mail shall be provided to each representative at least 30 days in advance of the meeting.

Section 3. Special Meetings of the Executive Committee
Written notice stating the place, day, and hour of any special meetings of the Executive Committee shall be mailed or electronically delivered to each representative no less than 7 days prior to any meeting.

Section 4. Vacancies
Each Academic Collaborator shall appoint a representative from its institution to fill any vacancy from its institution. The dean/director associated with the School/College of Nursing shall appoint the representative.

Section 5. Quorum
A simple majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 6. Voting
All voting at meetings of the Executive Committee shall be done in person, electronically, or via telephone at the time of the vote. Voting by proxy shall be allowed in the absence or unavailability of the designated Academic Collaborator representative. If a vote is required at a time when a meeting is not scheduled, voting shall be conducted by electronic ballot or by mail. Each Academic Collaborator shall be allowed one vote.

Section 7. Duties of the Executive Committee
The Executive Committee shall conduct the business and affairs of NEXus.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS
Section 1. Election
The members of the Executive Committee shall elect among themselves by simple majority vote, a Chair-Elect, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting for a two-year term, with the exception of the Chair-Elect, and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 2. Chair-Elect
The Chair-Elect shall serve for a term of one year, as Chair for a term of two years, and then as Past Chair for a term of one year. The Chair-Elect position is created to allow the individual an opportunity to learn the role of the Chair and the issues in advance of serving as Chair, and shall perform such other duties as the Executive Committee may require.
Section 3. Chair
The Chair shall act as the presiding Officer of NEXus and perform or delegate such other duties as the position may require.

Section 4. Vice Chair
The Vice Chair shall perform all duties of the Chair during the absence or disability of the Chair and shall perform such other duties as the Executive Committee may require.

Section 5. Secretary
The Secretary shall keep a true and complete record of all the proceedings of the NEXus Executive Committee meetings.

Section 6. Treasurer
The Treasurer shall provide fiscal oversight of NEXus. The Treasurer shall receive and review periodic financial reports from the Lead Organization and shall disseminate reports to the Executive Committee.

Section 7. Committees
The Executive Committee has the authority to appoint any committee or committees it deems necessary to carry out the stated purpose of NEXus.

Section 8. Vacancies
Vacancy in the office of Chair shall be filled by the Vice-Chair. Vacancy in the office of Chair-Elect shall be filled by the Executive Committee through a mail or in-person ballot. Vacancies in other offices shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next scheduled election.

ARTICLE VII. PROJECT APPROVAL
The Executive Committee shall approve the projects that will be undertaken by the Academic Collaborators on behalf of NEXus.

ARTICLE VIII. FISCAL MANAGEMENT
Projects funded by grants shall be administered by the project director awarded the grant.

The Lead Organization shall be charged with collecting, disbursing, holding and accounting for the funds of NEXus. NEXus funds shall be deposited and distributed in accordance with the fiscal guidelines and policies of the Lead Organization.

ARTICLE IX. DISSOLUTION
In the event of dissolution, assets and funds remaining after satisfaction of NEXus liabilities shall be distributed equally to the School/College of Nursing at each NEXus institution in good standing at the time of dissolution. Dissolution of NEXus may be effected by a 3/4 vote of the Executive Committee.
ARTICLE X.  DATA AND RECORDS
NEXus will keep complete and accurate books and records of account(s) and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of all meetings and shall keep a record of the names and addresses of the representatives on the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will oversee all books and records of NEXus, which shall be housed with the Lead Organization and may be inspected by any Academic Collaborator in NEXus through procedures established by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XI.  RULES OF ORDER
All meetings of NEXus, or of any committee, shall be conducted according to the policies and procedures approved by the Executive Committee. Any situations not covered by the approved policies and procedures shall be resolved by Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS
These bylaws may be amended at any annual or special meeting of the officers; provided, however, that any amendment affecting the rights of members shall be approved by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present at any annual or special meeting of the Executive Committee.

NEXus Bylaws Adopted 10/17/2007
Revised: 02/20/2007; 07/10/2014; 03/04/2015; 03/02/2016

Proviso: The Chair and Secretary will initially be elected for three-year terms; the Vice Chair and Treasurer will be elected for two-year terms to establish alternating terms for the election of these officers. After the initial election, each officer will be elected for a two-year term of office. 02/20/2007

Proviso: The Sustainability Committee indicated that the first implementation of the dues increase schemata (if needed) would occur no earlier than July 1, 2016. The recommended proviso is based on the recommendation by the Sustainability Committee. 07/10/2014

Proviso: The incumbent Chair shall serve as Chair from October, 2014 – October, 2016 and as Past Chair from October, 2016 – October, 2017. The next election of the Chair-Elect shall be held in Fall, 2015 and the total term of office will be four years (Chair-Elect 2015-2016; Chair 2016 – 2017; and Past Chair 2017-2018). 03/04/2015

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NEXus Campus Faculty Coordinator Responsibilities

Websites

- **www.winnexus.org** – Ensure that you are familiar with all information provided on the winnexus.org site. Maintain current contact information on www.winnexus.org for your School/College of Nursing.
- **Campus website** – Identify person(s) to oversee and maintain campus website links to the NEXus website (www.winnexus.org) and the creation of a section on your School/College of Nursing website that describes the NEXus course exchange and contains an active link to www.winnexus.org. Guidelines for NEXus/School specific page will be provided.

Students

- **Inquiries** – Develop, implement, and recommend changes in the SON/CON’s plan to respond to inquiries from students regarding NEXus courses.
- **Recruitment** – Develop, implement, and recommend changes in the SON/CON’s plan to recruit students to enroll in NEXus courses (e.g., brochures, e-mail messages, phone calls, newsletters promoting NEXus offerings).
- **Admissions** – Assist students seeking admission to your institution to enroll in courses offered through the NEXus course Xchange.
- **Basic Advising and Referral** – Ensure that students have adequate support to navigate through inter-institutional, distance education courses.
- **Program Course Schedule** – Assist students, academic advisors, and supervisory committees in developing academic program plans that include NEXus courses.
- **NEXus Student Enrollment Tracking Form** – Establish a procedure to assure transmittal and receipt of the form allowing the SON/CON to share student information with the other NEXus member institutions.
- **Enrollment** – Ensure students are aware of the differing registration and enrollment deadlines for the NEXus course Xchange. Develop processes for student admission and enrollment. Ensure that a transfer/transcript process is established.
- **Exit Survey** – Participate in the development of an online survey and establish a procedure for regular distribution of the survey to those students that complete NEXus courses.

Course Management

- Work with faculty to identify courses that may be offered through the NEXus course Xchange.
- Determine course offerings to be posted on http://wiche-ice.org/index.cfm?nexuslogin
- Determine seats available and seats needed.
- Oversee WICHE-ICE/NEXus course management system to ensure the student data is correct and students are added to appropriate course rosters.
- Ensure campus course information is current in the http://wiche-ice.org/index.cfm?nexuslogin online WICHE-ICE/NEXus course management system, including the seats available in each course by the established deadline each term.
Interaction Among NEXus Campus Faculty Coordinators

- **Anticipated Course Enrollments** – Oversee compilation of student enrollment data to determine future course demand. Share information with teaching institution(s).
- **Data Collection** – Participate in data collection for benchmarking purposes
- **Course Schedule** – Collaborate with faculty coordinators from other NEXus member institutions to plan future offerings for matriculated students.

Faculty

- Bi-Annually report on NEXus and related activities at faculty meetings.
- Provide orientation to faculty teaching NEXus courses.
- Provide information on course offerings to all graduate faculty.
- Request that teaching faculty submit course materials by the established deadline.
- Orient graduate student advisors to NEXus and available course offerings.
- Orient newly-hired faculty.

University Administrators

- **NEXus Implementation** – Work with appropriate School/College of Nursing administrators and departments (e.g., deans, associate deans, financial officers, graduate school administrators, continuing education administrators, registrar’s office, information systems office, computing center, college-level administrators, department head/chair) to implement NEXus course exchanges and to resolve problems related to enrollment, transfer of grades, accounting, and funds transfer. Recommend changes and improvements to campus administration and to the NEXus Executive Committee.
- **Establish an Administrative Team** – Identify key personnel within the institution (finance office, financial aid, graduate school, registrar’s office, continuing education, technology etc. who will work directly with registering and enrolling NEXus students.
- Orient newly-hired / appointed administrators and provide the names of current and new administrators to the Lead Organization.
- Provide annual NEXus update to School/College of Nursing administrators.

NEXus Executive Committee Meetings

- Represent your institution at official meetings of the NEXus Executive Committee.
- Convene bi-annual meetings of your Administrative Team.
- Member institutions with both PhD and DNP program participation may have multiple faculty fulfilling the role of Campus Faculty Coordinator, though only one faculty will represent the institution on the executive committee.
NEXus Campus Staff Coordinator Responsibilities

Working in conjunction with the Campus Faculty Coordinator, the Campus Staff Coordinator will engage in the following:

Website
- [www.winnexus.org](http://www.winnexus.org) – Ensure that you are familiar with all information provided on the [www.winnexus.org](http://www.winnexus.org) site. Maintain current contact information on [www.winnexus.org](http://www.winnexus.org) for your School/College of Nursing.
- Campus website – Identify person(s) to oversee and maintain campus website links to the NEXus website ([www.winnexus.org](http://www.winnexus.org)) and the creation of a section on your School/College of Nursing website that describes the NEXus course exchange and contains an active link to [www.winnexus.org](http://www.winnexus.org). Guidelines for NEXus/School specific page will be provided.

Students
- Inquiries and Referrals – Respond to inquiries from students regarding registration and enrollment in NEXus courses. Refer appropriate academic and advising questions to faculty members.
- Recruitment – Implement your CON/SON’s plan to recruit students to enroll in NEXus courses (e.g., brochures, e-mail messages, phone calls, newsletters promoting NEXus offerings).
- Course Xchange Information – Provide anticipated course enrollment numbers, and actual course enrollment numbers to NEXus Administration and your institution’s Administrative Team.
- Admissions – Assist students seeking admission to your institution to enroll in courses offered through the NEXus course Xchange.
- NEXus Student Enrollment Tracking Form – Ensure that the NEXus Student Enrollment Tracking Form is signed and reviewed by all necessary contacts at the Home and Teaching institutions.
- Enrollment – Ensure students are aware of the differing registration and enrollment deadlines for the NEXus course Xchange. Assist students in all aspects of admission, registration, and enrollment in courses offered through NEXus.
- Basic Advising and Referral – Support students in navigating registration, enrollment, and course completion in courses offered through NEXus. Refer students to appropriate parties to answer questions (i.e., technical assistance, faculty and staff).
- Request – Obtain course information (e.g., textbook information, syllabus, grades) and communicate with other campus staff coordinators.
- Evaluation – Coordinate NEXus program evaluation activities.

Course Management
- Marketing Materials – Disseminate marketing materials such as course flyer, brochures, newsletters and emails to students and faculty advisors for the promotion of NEXus course offerings.
- Enrollment – Send a copy of the NEXus Enrollment Form to NEXus Administration. Ensure that students from other institutions that enroll in courses taught by your institution have access and course information, including course materials, in a timely manner prior to the course start dates. Implement processes for enrollment.
• **Grades** – Facilitate student/s to complete the Teaching Institutions Transcript Request procedures and submit a Transcript Request Form to ensure that students’ grades are transferred from the Teaching Institution to the Home Institution.

• **NEXus Course Management** – Upload and maintain course details, student profile information, course roster enrollments and grades in the WICHE-ICE/NEXus course management system (http://wiche-ice.org/index.cfm?nexuslogin).

**Funds Distribution**

• When acting as the Teaching Institution, confirm that students enrolling in NEXus courses have paid the NEXus Common Price fee in full (the Home Institution and NEXus Administration will be invoicing the Teaching Institution for their portion of this fee). When acting as the Home Institution, follow established procedure for invoicing the Teaching Institution for the HI institution’s share of the NEXus Common Price fee (see Appendix B.2).

**Coordination with other Campus Departments**

• Work with appropriate School/College of Nursing departments and staff (e.g., graduate school administrators, continuing education administrators, registrar’s office, information systems office, computing center, college-level administrators, department head/chair) to implement the NEXus course Xchange and to resolve issues related to enrollment, transfer of grades, accounting, and funds transfer. Recommend changes and improvements to Campus Faculty Coordinator.

• Identify back-up Campus Staff Coordinator.

• Member institutions with both PhD and DNP program participation may have multiple staff fulfilling the role of Campus Staff Coordinator.

**Meetings**

• Participate in NEXus Campus Staff Coordinator Meetings and other activities as assigned.

• Communicate and meet with other NEXus Campus Staff Coordinators and Lead Organization staff periodically.

• Attend regional and/or NEXus Annual Meeting.
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Agreements for Academic Year 2019-2020
Beginning in the fall term, the NEXus Executive Committee has approved a *NEXus Common Price of $865/semester hour ($577/quarter hour).*

The following table details the Revenue Distribution Formula when the Home Institution is an Academic Collaborator.

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Financial FAQs

The Cost and Value of Participating: We know you will gain value from the investment that NEXus dues represent. The value resides in tuition income generated by filling seats, savings in course development and teaching costs, and assisting students in staying on track and on time for graduation.

_Dues can be recovered by enrolling as few as six NEXus students in the first year._ Students pay a common price/semester credit hour, with 75% going to the teaching institution and 10% to the student’s “home” institution. In 2017-2018, members taught an average of three students from NEXus institutions and sent three of their own students to enroll in courses elsewhere, generating an average of $6,500 in income. Eighteen percent of NEXus member institutions generated $19,300 or more in tuition revenue.

Following are examples of the results of financial investment for new members and each year thereafter.

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*Based on teaching 9 credits and sending home students to be taught for 9 credits elsewhere. Rounded to nearest $.

Financial Value Does Not Always Appear in the Books

- **Additional Options for Students.** Your minimal investment allows your students to access an array of course selections through the NEXus course catalog. Your students will value their new range of choices.
- **Savings in Course Development.** The median salary for an Associate Professor was $110,000\(^1\) in 2017-2018. A university could pay at least $12,000 for faculty to teach one 3-credit course, exclusive of benefits, development, and support costs. NEXus dues are a fraction of the usual costs of teaching one course.
- **Reacting to Emergencies.** We all know stories of faculty becoming ill or leaving the institution only weeks or days prior to the start of the term. NEXus can help save time and money spent on finding an adjunct or paying overload.
- **Easing Faculty Workload from Independent Study Courses.** Independent study courses are a common way to serve students seeking curriculum outside your catalog. You can refer students to existing NEXus courses taught by faculty with subject-matter expertise. This will reduce the faculty workload required to monitor these courses.

\(^1\)The American Association of Colleges of Nursing Report on 2017-2018 Salaries of Instructional and Administrative Nursing Faculty, Table 42.
Steps to Join NEXus as an Academic Collaborator

- Secure cooperation from Dean, faculty, finance office, Registrar, Graduate Dean, Provost, distance education director or others who would be involved;
- Submit application to NEXus;
- Review required documents; Guiding Principles, MOU, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, Common Price Agreement, Campus Faculty Coordinator position description and Campus Staff Coordinator position description with appropriate campus administrators;
- Identify representative to attend NEXus administrative meetings;
- Name Campus Faculty and Campus Staff Coordinators;
- Secure signatures and submit MOU;
- Identify courses/clusters in which to offer content;
- Ensure procedures are established on your campus to offer courses and enroll/register students; and
- Market program to your students.

Steps to Join NEXus as an Academic Affiliate

- Affiliates do not offer courses in the course exchange. This status is for those who want students to be able to access NEXus courses;
- Affiliates do not have to attend meetings;
- Secure cooperation from Dean, faculty, finance officer, Registrar, Graduate Dean, Provost distance education director or others who would be involved;
- Submit application to NEXus;
- Name Campus Faculty and Campus Staff Coordinators;
- Secure signatures and submit MOU;
- Ensure procedures are established on your campus for student enrollment and registration; and
- Market program to your students.
Membership Application

Application for:  ☐ Academic Collaborator Member  OR  ☐ Academic Affiliate Member

Courses offered for:  ☐ PhD students  ☐ DNP students  ☐ Both

Institution:  
Address:  
Contact name:  
Contact title:  
Contact email:  
Contact tel/fax:  

Academic unit:  ☐ Semester  ☐ Quarter  ☐ Other____________

Area(s) of interest (check all that apply):  ☐ Ethics and Interprofessional Collaboration  
☐ Systems, Leadership, Informatics and Policy  ☐ Scientific Underpinnings for Advanced Nursing Practice  
☐ Diverse and Vulnerable Populations  ☐ Chronic and Disabling Conditions and Palliative Care  
☐ Scholarship and Writing  ☐ Research Methodology  ☐ Nursing Education  ☐ Gerontology  
☐ Advance Nursing Practice  ☐ Nursing Knowledge Development: Theory, Philosophy, and Science  
☐ Children, Parents, and Family  ☐ Other____________

Total number of enrolled PhD students:  
Number of PhD students admitted this academic year:  
Total number of enrolled DNP students:  
Number of DNP students admitted this academic year:  
Major emphasis:  
Inter-professional collaborations:  
Method of instruction/platform (example: Blackboard, Sakai, WebCT, etc.):  

Does your CON/SON serve Medically Underserved Areas/Populations(MUA/P)?  ☐ YES  ☐ NO  
Does it serve Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) and/or frontier areas?  ☐ YES  ☐ NO  
If yes, please explain/identify the HPSAs, MUA/Ps and/or frontier areas served? (Please specify)  
____________________________________________________________________________________

Submit a letter of interest identifying the following:  
1. What your institution could bring to NEXus (online course exchange) to enhance its mission.  
2. What resources, including faculty, you have available at your institution to participate in NEXus.  

Other Expectations:  
1. Agree to common price and annual membership fees.  
2. Follow the New Member Checklist and complete each item as requested.  

NEXUS  
THE NURSING EDUCATION XCHANGE
The Nursing Education Xchange (hereafter called NEXus) is comprised of academic colleges that offer distance-accessible graduate courses in Doctoral Programs in Nursing.

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into by Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing, University of Colorado Denver School of Nursing, University of Northern Colorado School of Nursing, and University of Utah College of Nursing regarding the creation of this collaborative program called “NEXus.” It is understood that additional parties may be invited to join this cooperative effort as NEXus Academic Collaborators and shall be entitled to all rights and responsibilities as any signatory of this Memorandum of Understanding (collectively, the “NEXus Academic Collaborators”).

The NEXus Academic Collaborators who now or in the future execute this Memorandum of Understanding are joining together in a cooperative and collaborative effort called NEXus for the purpose of mutually serving a multitude of needs in nursing education. The current and future NEXus Academic Collaborators share the goal of providing adequate and appropriate education for nursing students. Each NEXus Academic Collaborator shall contribute time for planning; for administering and implementing the operational plan; for sharing professional knowledge, and for demonstrating a desire to solve the regional and national problem of severe nursing shortage, as described in this Memorandum of Understanding.

Other institutions will be invited to participate in NEXus (collectively, the "NEXus Academic Affiliates"). NEXus Academic Affiliates will not be NEXus Academic Collaborators, and shall not have the rights or obligations of NEXus Academic Collaborators under this Memorandum of Understanding, except for the specific rights and obligations of NEXus Academic Affiliates described in this paragraph. NEXus Academic Affiliates shall have the right to have their students enroll in certain online courses offered by each NEXus Academic Collaborator. NEXus Academic Affiliates will not have any voting rights, be required to offer online courses in the NEXus program to NEXUS Academic Collaborators or other NEXus Academic Affiliates, nor be part of any "financial aid consortium agreement" as a result of signing this Memorandum of Understanding or participating in the NEXus program. NEXus Academic Affiliates shall be subject to the termination provisions in Section X. To become a NEXus Academic Affiliate, an institution shall sign this Memorandum of Understanding indicating its capacity as a NEXus Academic Affiliate.

To provide a method of operation by which NEXus Academic Collaborators and NEXus Academic Affiliates can conduct collaborative efforts and in consideration of the mutual agreements in this Memorandum of Understanding, NEXus Academic Collaborators and NEXus Academic Affiliates agree to the following:

I. **Description and Mission.** NEXus is a collaborative project of the NEXus Academic Collaborators and the Western Institute of Nursing aimed at expanding capacity of nursing doctoral programs throughout the United States through cooperative efforts by making available to doctoral students at each NEXus Academic Collaborator and NEXus Academic Affiliate Institution certain online courses offered by each NEXus Academic Collaborator. The overall goal is to facilitate the collaborative efforts of Nursing doctoral programs to: (a) increase the number of doctorally-prepared nursing faculty who can teach
nursing students and thereby contribute to reducing the severe nursing shortage in the U.S.; and (b) give students greater access to high quality education.

II. **NEXus Program Governance.** The NEXus program shall be governed in accordance with the NEXus Bylaws and related Policies and Procedures approved by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of one (1) representative of each NEXus Academic Collaborator. The Executive Committee’s responsibilities shall include, without limitation, establishing an operational plan, which shall be reviewed and amended as needed at least annually. Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be enacted by consensus when possible. Otherwise, a majority vote of the NEXus Academic Collaborators will determine decisions, with each of the NEXus Academic Collaborators having one vote. If one of the NEXus Academic Collaborators is impacted greater than the other parties, that one party has the right to appeal such decision.

III. **Funding.** Each NEXus Academic Collaborator shall bear its own costs of any activity, project, course, or cognate undertaken by the NEXus program that is not funded by a contract, grant, or other support. No NEXus Academic Collaborator shall have any financial obligation or liability regarding the NEXus program unless approved by such Collaborator. There shall be no joint obligations or liabilities of the NEXus Academic Collaborators.

IV. **Administration and Management.** Each NEXus Academic Collaborator and all NEXus Academic Affiliates shall act in accordance to the Guiding Principles approved by the Executive Committee. Each NEXus Academic Collaborator and all NEXus Academic Affiliates shall provide administrative oversight and program management in accordance with NEXus Bylaws and related Policies and Procedures.

V. **Additional Academic Collaborator Responsibilities.** Each NEXus Academic Collaborator has the following responsibilities related to the NEXus program:
   a. Support the development and delivery of courses taught by its faculty.
   b. Provide student services and internet-based program information to support NEXus.
   c. Provide the agreed-on enrollment capacity for each course it has proposed to teach, according to the published schedule and institutional policies regarding minimum enrollments.
   d. Comply with the pricing and fee sharing agreements for NEXus students.

VI. **Other Responsibilities.** The NEXus Academic Collaborators shall each be responsible for the inter-institutional course exchange and cognates and shall:
   a. Participate in the leadership of NEXus by attending Executive Committee meetings, serving as members of the Executive Committee or other committees, and providing administrative support for the inter-institutional cognates and course exchange.
   b. Support faculty participation in the planning and implementation of NEXus initiatives as appropriate.
   c. Appoint a representative to the NEXus Executive Committee, maintain course and cognate information in the NEXus course catalog, and support inter-institutional programs with faculty and technological resources as agreed on in separate memoranda.
   d. Commit to faculty development and course or cognate evaluations that assure quality educational outcomes.
   e. Overcome the administrative barriers to students enrolling in shared courses and cognates.
f. If a decision is made to discontinue NEXus, every effort will be made, in accordance with NEXus policies and procedures, to allow currently enrolled NEXus students to complete courses in their official plans of study within two years from the dissolution date.

g. Consider this document to be a commitment to entering into a “financial aid consortium agreement,” such that each NEXus Academic Collaborator will:
   1) Recognize the admitting institution as the home institution. All other institutions will be considered teaching (host) institutions.
   2) If a teaching (host) institution, provide information and assistance to the home institution to assure compliance with all applicable financial aid regulations.
   3) If a teaching (host) institution, assist in the verification of attendance (including the last date of contact for students who have unofficially withdrawn) and shall provide the student’s grades and other relevant information to the home institution.
   4) Assist academic collaborators in complying with existing or new financial aid regulations that emerge subsequent to the signing of this document.

VII. **Academic Courses.** Institutional courses designated as NEXus courses will be:
   a. Taught by faculty approved by the NEXus Academic Collaborator that provides the instruction.
   b. Taught as approved by the course approval process of the NEXus teaching institution.

VIII. **Property.** Supplies, facilities, equipment, or other property received or acquired by any NEXus Academic Collaborators solely as a result of participation in NEXus activities shall remain dedicated for use on NEXus activities and may be shared by other NEXus Academic Collaborators provided that ownership of and obligations related to such properties shall remain with the NEXus Academic Collaborator which received or acquired the same.

IX. **Intellectual Property.** All discoveries, technology, trademarks, copyrights, patents, and other intellectual property arising out of or in connection with NEXus program courses or cognates shall be owned and governed by the applicable NEXus Academic Collaborator authoring, creating or conceiving and reducing it to practice and shall be subject to the extent applicable to such terms and conditions as may be contained in any agreement that such NEXus Academic Collaborator may have with the sponsors, and shall be subject to the institutional intellectual property policies of such NEXus Academic Collaborator.

X. **Termination.** Based on the NEXus Bylaws, the Executive Committee shall determine involuntary termination of NEXus participation, based on nonpayment, nonparticipation, or other just cause. A NEXus Academic Collaborator and NEXus Academic Affiliate may terminate its participation in the NEXus program and withdraw from this Memorandum of Understanding by providing written notification to the NEXus Executive Committee. Said notification must be given at least one (1) year in advance of termination of participation.

XI. **No Partnership or Joint Venture Formed.** Any provision of this Memorandum of Understanding or the Guiding Principles to the contrary notwithstanding, (i) all NEXus Academic Collaborators intend that the relationship of such parties with respect to the NEXus program or otherwise is at all times and for all purposes that of independent contractors, (ii) no current or future party or parties to this Memorandum of Understanding is or are to be considered as agents or employees of any of the other parties for purpose of any statute or law or any other purpose, and (iii) it is not intended by this Memorandum of Understanding to, and nothing contained in this Memorandum of Understanding shall be
construed to, create any partnership, joint venture, fiduciary or other similar relationship among the parties.

XII. **Dispute Resolution.** All NEXus Academic Collaborators and NEXus Academic Affiliates agree that they will attempt to resolve any and all disputes arising out of or related to this Memorandum of Understanding by discussion and negotiations among senior administration representatives of each party. If the same is not successful, the applicable dispute shall be submitted to non-binding mediation, and all parties agree to exercise good faith efforts to resolve all such disputes in mediation.
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Executed this _____ day of __________________________, 20__.  

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Name of the Academic Collaborator

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Signature of the Dean/Director of the School of Nursing

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Signature of the College/School Administrator

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Signature of the Distance Education Officer

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