

NEXus: Partnerships for Maximizing Doctoral Education in Nursing

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INTRODUCTION

- With the shortage of nursing faculty, collaborative partnerships among university schools of nursing are necessary to maximize opportunities for doctoral education in nursing.
- The NEXus universities consortium enhances the quality and diversity of graduate education resulting in improvements in advanced practice and health outcomes.

PURPOSE

NEXus – The Nursing Education Xchange, a formal collaboration among schools of nursing, expands online learning opportunities for doctoral students in nursing through cost-effective resource sharing and diverse learning.

METHODS

- PhD, DNP, and MSN students from 16 Schools of Nursing select from 250 graduate courses in 15 concentration areas annually.
- Evaluation of course effectiveness includes student and faculty evaluations of course quality, NEXus enrollment, and student and faculty satisfaction.

RESULTS

- 85% of students reported taking a course not offered at their institution.
- Students were very satisfied with course quality and meeting learning needs (4.12/5.0 effectiveness).

NEXus Membership Saves Schools of Nursing Time and Money



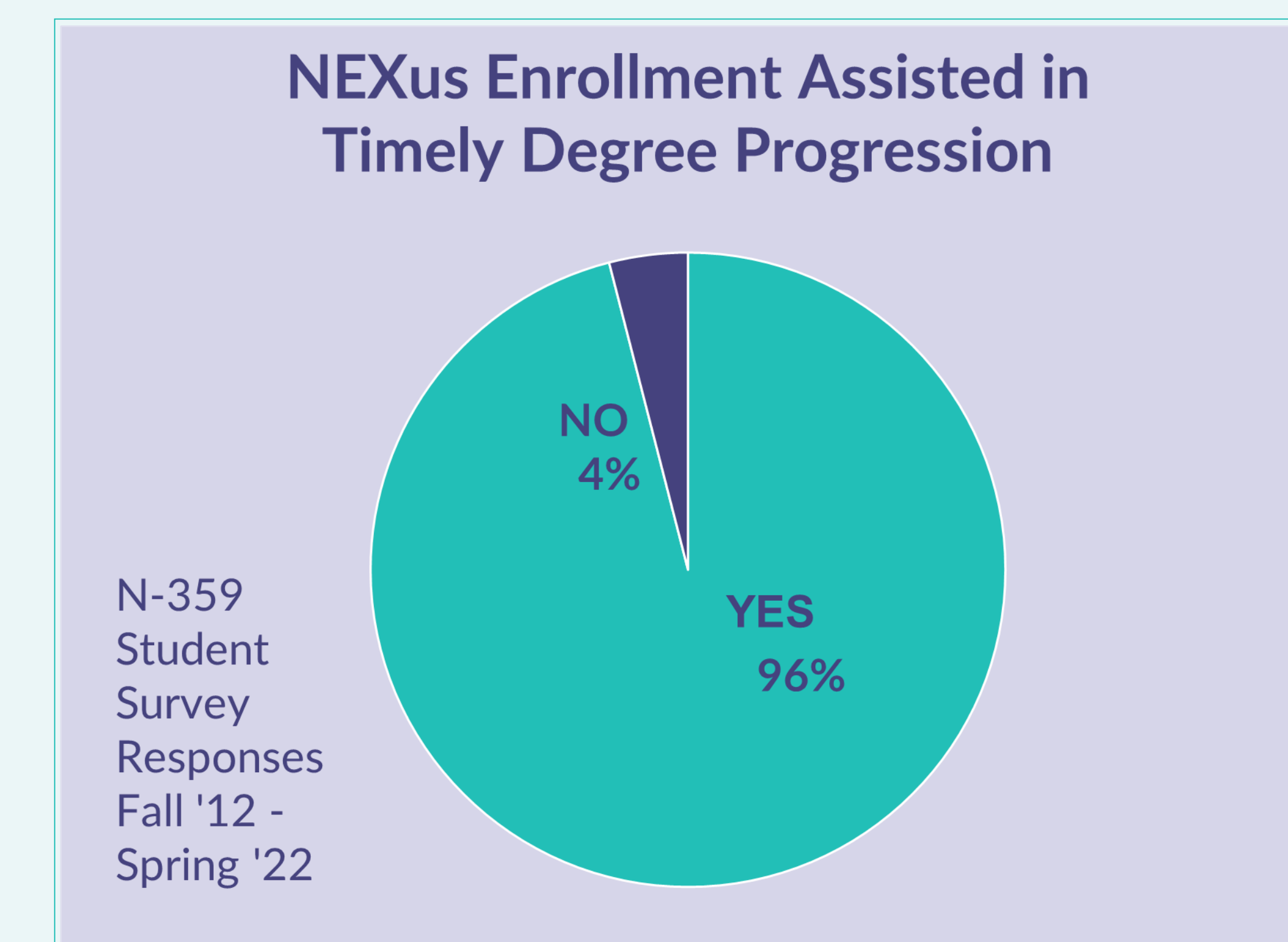
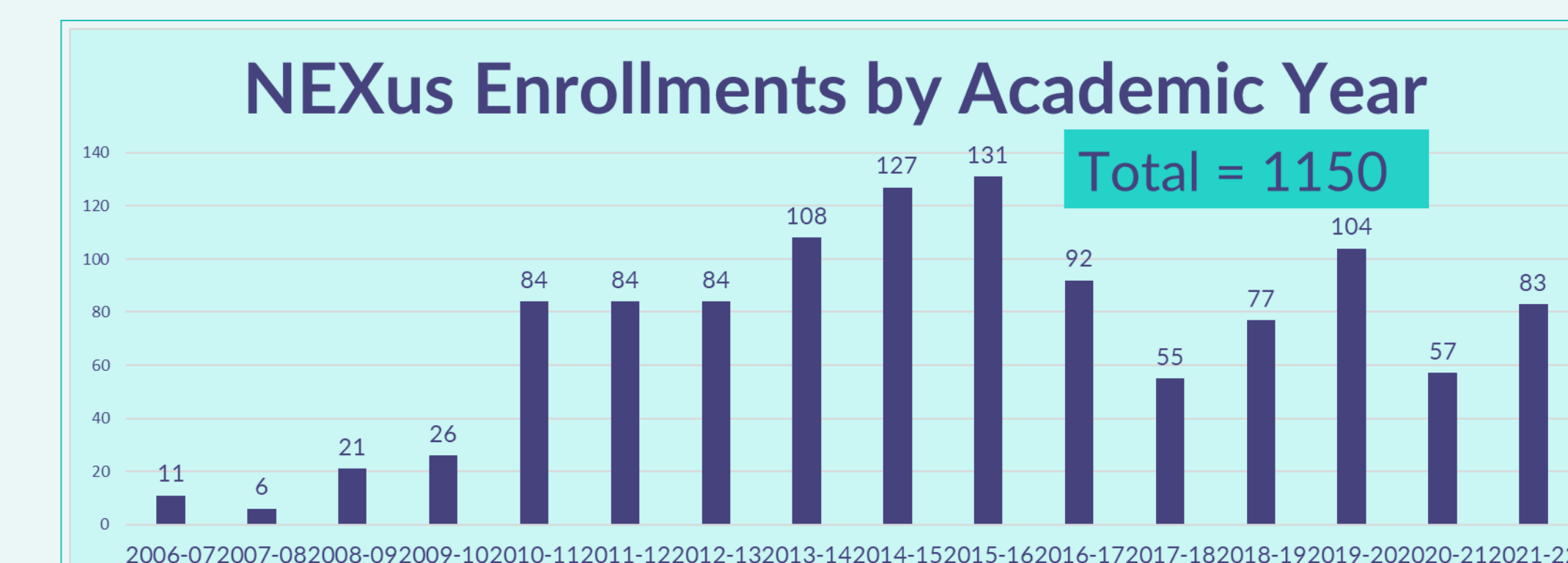
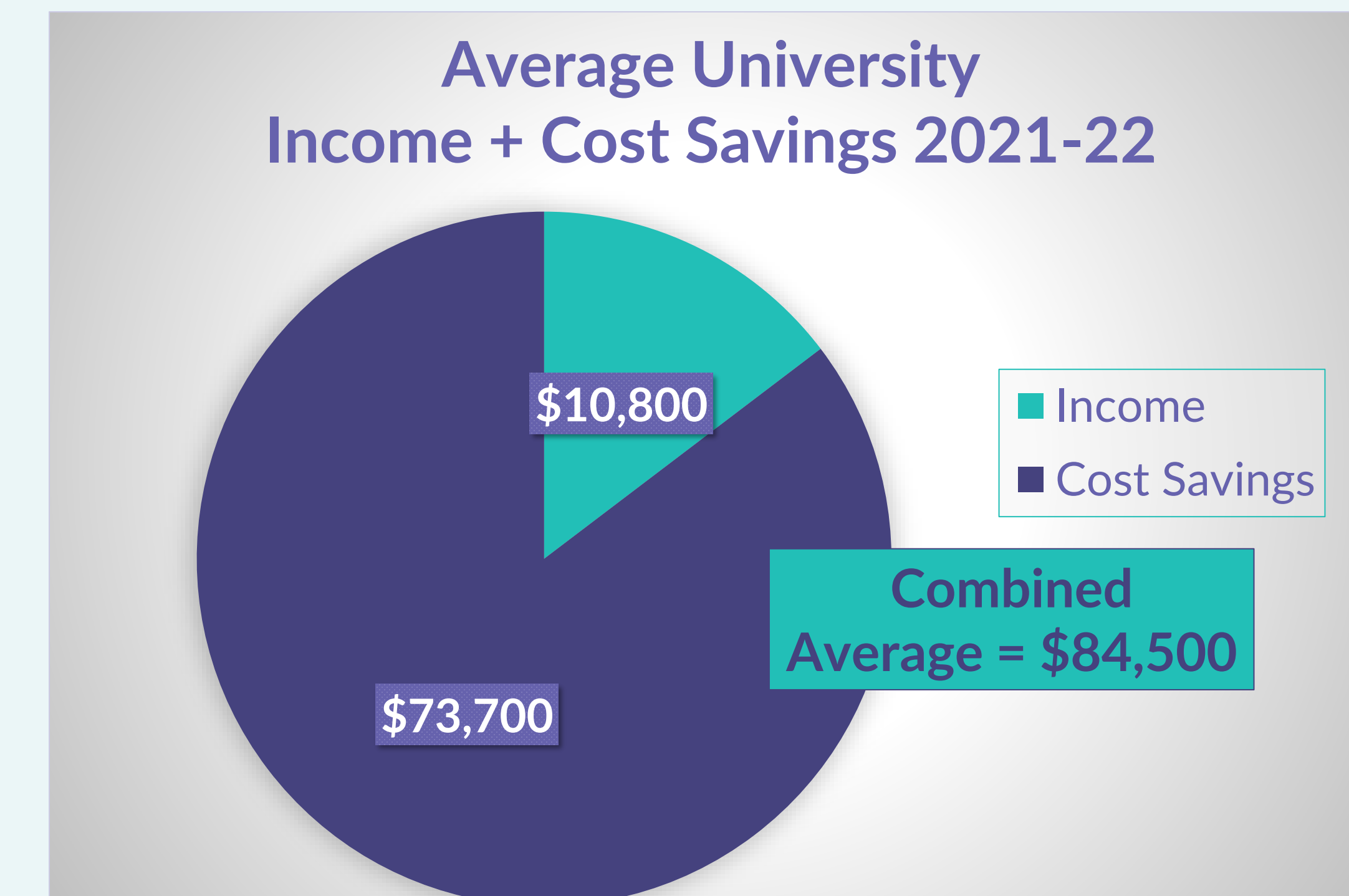
MEMBERS

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 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



RESULTS

- Faculty reported NEXus students energized courses providing rich diversity of thought, noting research and academic partnerships were created among students and faculty.



CONCLUSIONS

- NEXus is a rich and cost-effective approach to graduate education by expanding opportunities among Schools of Nursing through resource-sharing and collaboration.
- NEXus members, faculty and students benefit from maximizing the number of online courses and diversity of learning experiences.