



NEXus saves schools of nursing time and money

Average University Income + Estimated Cost Savings

Tuition Income Course Development Faculty Salaries



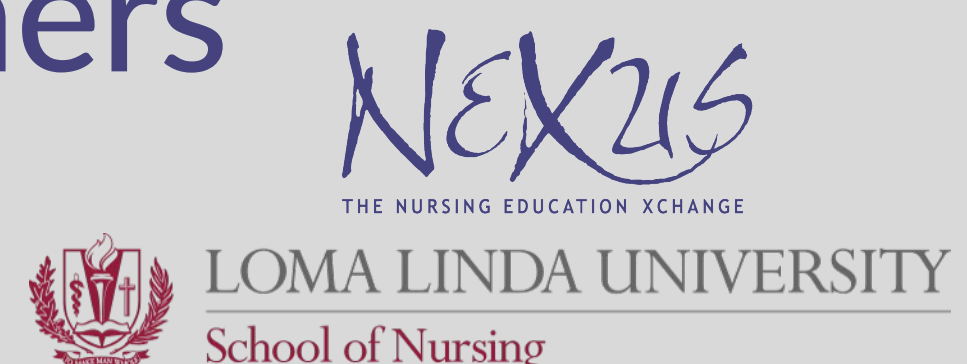
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Universities gain tuition income and save faculty salaries and course development time by having students take NEXus courses.

Leveraging Resources in Nursing Schools with Distance Learning Partners

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Introduction

NEXus, a distance learning education consortium:

- Increases the capacity of doctoral education through a wide breadth of 250 course offerings from 16 universities
- Facilitates timely student progression and
- Provides course savings and tuition income.

Rationale

Distance learning during Covid-19 allowed universities to:

1. Maintain social distancing
 2. Stabilize enrollments and
 3. Provide greater educational flexibility.
- Nationally, graduate distance education enrollment more than doubled from fall 2018 to 2021.
 - PhD Faculty vacancies remain challenging to fill with 84.4% of vacancies required or preferring a doctoral degree.
 - Graduate schools offering the PhD are costly to run, with revenue areas often unable to cover the program's expenses.

Methods

Evaluation of effectiveness include:

- Student and faculty evaluations of course quality and satisfaction
- NEXus exchange enrollment and graduation data, and
- Institutional income and cost savings analysis.

Outcomes

- 1,150 NEXus course registrations (2006-2022)
- 96% of students reported NEXus facilitated remaining on time in program progression
- 85% reporting home institution did not offer the chosen course.
- Students are very satisfied (4.12/5.0) with course quality and meeting learning needs
- More than 440 NEXus students have earned a PhD or DNP degree

Conclusions

NEXus fulfills individual institutional needs and AACN PhD program goals by:

- Assisting in identifying tracks or minor courses for students that support knowledge and skills development
- Encouraging greater flexibility in curricular offerings to increase access
- Decreasing financial challenges and
- Enhancing opportunities supporting both full and part-time study, with a focus on timely degree completion.