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**NEXus Celebrates 20th Anniversary with 20% Discount for Faculty
Initiative Supports Efforts to Address the National Nursing and Nurse Educator
Shortage**

PORTLAND, Ore., April 27, 2026 — In honor of its landmark 20th anniversary, NEXus – The Nursing Education Xchange – is offering faculty at all member institutions a 20% tuition discount beginning in the 2026–2027 academic year. This exciting decision, made unanimously by the Executive Committee at its March 2026 meeting, celebrates a major milestone in the organization’s ongoing commitment to nursing education.

“As we celebrate 20 years of NEXus, this faculty tuition discount reflects both our gratitude to nursing educators and our unwavering commitment to the future of the profession,” said Jennifer Heck, PhD, RNC-NIC, CNE, PMH-C, associate professor in the Fran and Earl Ziegler College of Nursing at The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences and Chair of the NEXus Executive Committee. “By investing directly in faculty development, we are strengthening the pipeline of nurse educators and leaders who are essential to addressing the ongoing nursing shortage nationwide.”

Faculty will pay an all-inclusive tuition rate of \$796 per semester credit. Many institutions also offer additional tuition benefits that can be applied to NEXus courses, making advanced education even more accessible. The new faculty discount aims to expand the number of nursing graduates, promote excellence in teaching and research, and foster professional development within its member institutions.

This inaugural faculty discount marks an historic and celebratory first for the non-profit consortium, which began its inspiring journey in 2006 with just three students. Since then, NEXus has empowered 1,330 graduate nursing students to access specialized online courses from member institutions across the nation.

NEXus addresses the ongoing shortage of nurses and nurse educators by providing affordable, online doctoral-level courses that support timely graduation. Its catalog features over 250 graduate-level offerings in nursing education, advanced nursing practice, research methods, leadership, and topics focused on specific populations.

By keeping tuition affordable, NEXus continues to expand opportunities for both graduate nursing students and faculty. Participants consistently praise the consortium's diverse course offerings, convenient online access, high-quality instruction, and valuable networking opportunities.

About NEXus

NEXus prepares skilled nurse educators through distance-accessible courses to help address the nursing shortage. Fourteen public and private universities across the country are members. Over 625 students have taken NEXus courses and graduated from their home institutions with doctoral degrees in nursing.

For more information about NEXus, the faculty discount, or to learn how to become a member university, visit <https://winnexus.org/> or contact Anne Boerner, Project Director, at nexus@ohsu.edu.

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