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NEXus Invites Institutions to Join Its 20th Anniversary Cohort

More affordable membership expands access to graduate nursing education

PORTLAND, Ore., July 1, 2026 — As NEXus marks its 20th enrollment year, The Nursing Education Xchange is inviting institutions to join its **20th Anniversary Cohort**, which includes a more affordable membership option. The new approach expands access to shared graduate nursing coursework while supporting NEXus' mission to advance nursing education through collaboration and resource sharing.

Benefits of the NEXus Network

NEXus connects schools of nursing through a course-sharing network. Member schools:

- Expand online graduate course offerings (MS, DNP, and PhD) without increasing faculty load
- Reduce instructional burden through shared teaching
- Provide flexible course access across institutions
- Realize estimated savings of approximately \$18,000 per student sent

NEXus' new membership option lowers the **annual cost of joining to \$2,000**, creating a more affordable pathway into the consortium. "The 20th Anniversary Cohort is an exciting opportunity to expand our impact and welcome new institutions into the network," said Anne Boerner, NEXus Project Director. "We heard from institutions seeking a more affordable entry into course sharing. By lowering fees, we are making it easier for schools to collaborate, expand course access, and meet the growing demand for advanced nursing education while addressing faculty and seat capacity challenges."

New members will join as part of the 2026-2027 Anniversary Cohort. Applications received before October 2026 receive priority consideration.

Who Should Apply

NEXus is well suited for institutions that offer or are developing doctoral nursing programs and want to expand access to online graduate coursework while increasing program flexibility. NEXus helps schools of nursing manage faculty workload through collaboration.

About NEXus

NEXus is a national nonprofit consortium of schools of nursing dedicated to advancing graduate education through shared learning, collaboration, and innovation. Membership in 2026 includes fourteen public and private universities from across the country. More than 640 students have taken NEXus courses and graduated from their universities with graduate nursing degrees.

To learn more about membership, visit <https://winnexus.org/> or contact Anne Boerner, Project Director, at nexus@ohsu.edu.

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