

NHCONE/NEXus Technical Webinar II: Overview




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Purpose

- ✓ Provide a brief overview of NEXus and its foundational documents for members of the NEXus consortium.
- ✓ Answer questions.



What is NEXus?

- Began as a partnership of western universities offering doctoral programs in nursing; now nationwide and growing.
- Distance accessible courses available to doctoral students enrolled in collaborating universities.
- Provides increased academic opportunities for PhD and DNP students and there is now evidence that it decreases the time to degree.



What is NEXus?

- Provides partner universities a cost effective way to increase capacity.
- The Collaborative increases the number of doctorally prepared nurses, consistent with the *Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health (IOM, 2010)*
- Unique in nursing education, NEXus is supported by a strong administrative model and common course pricing.



Member Institutions

Academic Collaborators (* = founding member)	
Arizona State University	Univ. of Nevada Las Vegas
Idaho State University	University of New Mexico
Loma Linda University	University of No. Colorado*
Oregon Health & Science Univ.*	University of Texas at Tyler
University at Buffalo	University of Utah*
University of Colorado*	Virginia Commonwealth Univ.
University of Hawaii, Manoa	Washington State University
University of Kansas	
Academic Affiliates	
The University of Oklahoma	



Guiding Principles

Principle 1.

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



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Principle 2.

The participating NEXus members recognize the implementation of the NEXus project at each institutions may best be accomplished using procedures and practices that are inherent to those respective institutions.



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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.



Memorandum of Understanding

Our legal advisor has indicated that the MOU may not be amended. If amended, all existing partners would have to re-sign the document.



Memorandum of Understanding

The MOU provides:

- ✓ Description and Mission
- ✓ Program Governance
- ✓ Funding
- ✓ Administration and Management



Memorandum of Understanding

Identifies academic collaborator responsibilities:

- Support the development and delivery of courses taught by its faculty;
- Provide student services and internet-based program information to support NEXus;
- Provide the agreed-on enrollment capacity for each course taught;
- Comply with pricing and fee sharing agreements.



Setting the NEXus Common Price

- Lowest Price \$ 339 \$ 545
 - Highest Price \$1,065 \$1,694
 - 66% of difference \$ 823 \$1,311
 - 75% of difference \$ 883.50 \$1,406.75
- **2013-2014 NEXus Price = \$775/semester cr**
(\$517/quarter cr)
- **2014-2015 NEXus Price = \$775/semester cr**
(\$517/quarter cr)



NEXus Common Price

- Tuition Common Price and Tuition Split: reflects efforts of teaching courses, sending students from home institution, and sustaining the collaborative
 - **75%** tuition returns to teaching institution
 - **10%** to home institution
 - **15%** to NEXus administration



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Academic collaborator responsibilities (cont.):

- Serve as members & attend Exec. Comm. meetings, provide administrative support for course exchange;
- Support faculty participation in NEXus initiatives
- Appoint a representative to the Exec. Comm., maintain course information on the catalogue;
- Commit to faculty development;
- Overcome administrative barriers to enrolling students in courses.



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Academic collaborator responsibilities (cont.):

- If NEXus is discontinued, make every effort to allow currently enrolled NEXus students to complete courses in plans of study within two years.
- Consider the MOU as a commitment to entering into a financial aid consortium agreement.



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- Defines “academic courses”;
- Defines ownership of property;
- Involuntary termination of NEXus participation based on nonpayment, nonparticipation, or other just cause; and termination by an academic collaborator;
- No partnership or joint venture formed;
- Defines dispute resolution.



Memorandum of Understanding

- Signature page lists a variety of campus officials. NEXus does not require that all of those individuals sign the MOU. Those appropriate to the campus are all who are required to sign.

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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.

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Lead Organization

Approved by the NEXus Executive Committee and is responsible for NEXus Administrative functions. The lead organization selects the chief executive officer.

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Membership

Academic Collaborators; Academic Affiliates

Qualifications

Application: approved by 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee

Good Standing

Voluntary/involuntary membership termination

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Executive Committee

One representative of the lead organization and one from each academic collaborator.

Annual and special meetings

Vacancies

Quorum

Voting – designated representative of academic collaborators

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Officers

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Vice-Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

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Project Approval

Fiscal Management

Dissolution

Data and Records

Rules of Order

Amendments



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