Networking the Americas Consortium of Nursing and Allied Health for International Cooperation

The Networking the Americas Consortium of Nursing and Allied Health (NACNAH) for International cooperation was formed in 1993 as part of ongoing transatlantic cooperation and a grant application to the Fund for Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) and to the European Community submitted by NACNAH and COHEHRE (Consortium of Institutions of Higher Education in Health and Rehabilitation in Europe). The initial NACNAH Agreement of Cooperation was signed by three institutions: Pace University (Westchester and New York City, New York), Thomas Jefferson University (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), and Saint Joseph College (West Hartford, Connecticut). Several other institutions became charter members.

Working in collaboration with its European counterpart, the Consortium of Institutes of Higher Education in Health and Rehabilitation in Europe (COHEHRE), NACNAH embarked on a mission to enhance the educational preparation of students in Nursing and Allied Health professions. By making available to academic programs the resources and opportunities central to an effective integration into the curriculum of a strong international dimension, NACNAH hopes to foster the preparation of a cadre of professionals poised to partner with colleagues around the world to address the health needs of a diverse society.

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The Networking the Americas Consortium of Nursing and Allied Health for International Cooperation was established on the belief that the development and quality of higher education for the health care professionals will be enhanced by international cooperation and the addition of an international dimension to the educational activities of its members. NACNAH aims to:

- Facilitate cross-cultural understanding
- Increase international cooperation in education, research, and practice
- Develop mutually acceptable curriculum standards that are compatible
- Create and disseminate educational initiatives and innovations
- Promote linkages among members of NACNAH and COHEHRE
- Cooperate with other organizations nationally and internationally to enable NACNAH to achieve its objectives.

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NACNAH for International Cooperation is governed by an Executive Board comprised of four officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and a General Assembly comprised of one representative from each program, and individual members. The officers serve on the Executive Board to conduct business throughout the year, appoint chairs of standing committees as needed. The standing committees are membership, program, and nominating. In addition, a newsletter editor is appointed each year.

NACNAH for International Cooperation organizes one conference each academic year hosted by one of its members. The conference includes a General Assembly, keynote addresses, and workshops covering a variety of topics related to international cooperation. NACNAH also co-sponsors programs at other conferences such as the World Congress for Health Programs.

Benefits
- Network with colleagues who have experience with global initiatives so that we learn from the experience of others
- Join an existing consortium of schools who have established relationships with universities abroad for student exchanges, study abroad experiences and collaborative research
- Collaborate with an interdisciplinary team on education, practice and research initiatives globally
- Learn new ways of incorporating cultural understanding into curricula at home for all students
- Save valuable time and resources keeping informed on international efforts, including new funding opportunities
- Achieve your professional and personal goals by pursuing your development opportunities internationally
- Learn the legal and procedural aspects of planning, conducting and assessing global initiatives
- Work with a Community of dedicated institutions, organizations, and individuals committed to international cooperation in the health professions
- Connect with others in a variety of health care disciplines, including nursing, rehabilitation sciences, laboratory sciences and nutrition

Membership Services
- Annual NACNAH conference
- Annual NACNAH Co-Sponsored national and international conferences
- Member Listserv
- Online links to international information, including US State Department, international conference and health organizations
- Online Membership Directory
- NACNAH News Brief

Membership Categories
- Institution and Division
  - Institution or division offering programs in nursing and allied health and having a student body of at least 300 students.
- School/Program
  - Individual programs in nursing or allied health
- Professional Organization/Agency
  - Professional organization, healthcare agencies, accrediting organizations, crediting agencies, consortia and other related groups
- Individual
  - Individual person involved in health professions education, international activities, administration, and support services for international cooperation
- Student
  - Student enrolled in a health profession program (student identification required)

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