WHO Collaborating Centers
Advancing Global Nursing Leadership and Fostering Collaboration

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Objectives

• Describe the purpose and value of WHO CC
• Provide an overview of the designation and application process
• Demonstrate how a Collaborating Center is a strategy for Global Nursing
• Discuss opportunity to leverage relationships and scarce resources
Purpose and Role of CC

- Provide research and support to home institution and WHO
- Provides opportunity to domestic institutions to participate in a global organization
- Not eligible for designation as WHO collaborating centers: networks, working groups, partnerships and programs; or nongovernmental organizations professional associations or foundations
WHO CC

• 700 WHO collaborating centers in over 80 Member States working with WHO on areas such as nursing, occupational health, communicable diseases, nutrition, mental health, chronic diseases and health technologies.

• No funding from WHO is provided for the CC
The Global CC

Global Nursing & Midwifery Collaborating Centres Distribution by WHO Region

Source: UTS
How can a nursing educational institution have CC?

• Establish a relationship with the PAHO or WHO office in your country.

• Find mutual work interests
  – Health disparities
  – Chronic disease
  – MDGs

• Submit an application through the WHO Portal
Application process

• What’s Included
  – TOR
  – Work Plan/Activity
  – How planned CC supports WHO
Example of Johns Hopkins School of Nursing

Terms of Reference

• Collaborate with PAHO/WHO to facilitate and promote equitable access to information and scientific knowledge via the Global Alliance for Nursing and Midwifery (GANM).
How does a CC impact Global Nursing and Global Nursing Leadership?

• Network of peer institutions and groups (PANMCC, WHO, STTI)
• Annual meetings with other global nursing groups
• The Global Alliance for Nursing and Midwifery has over 3700 members
• Opportunities to work on joint projects
  ▪ Competencies survey in collaboration with UAB
  ▪ Webinars and educational programs
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- Network of other non Nursing WHO collaborative centers providing opportunities for interprofessional collaborations
Points for Discussion

• How can the CC model be used to advance Global Nursing Leadership?
• What are some collaborative activities where centers can work together and with WHO?
• How can we leverage a CC in nursing to increase visibility for nursing within an institution?
Thank You