



### Across Borders, Around the Globe, in Local Communities

The UAB School of Nursing promotes nursing education, scholarship, and service at local, national, and international levels by developing collaborations and sustainable partnerships. Examples of our global initiatives include:

- Collaborative partnerships to develop educational programs to strengthen nursing workforce development
- Study-abroad courses and opportunities for UAB students and faculty
- Collaborative research projects in countries including Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Honduras, and Zambia on a variety of topics related to child and family health
- Distance-education to strengthen skills of research coordinators at international sites
- An International Leadership Development Institute, offered every two years
- An International Writing Collaborative Project (in collaboration with Sigma Theta Tau International chapters in Brazil, Africa, and Alabama)
- Leadership in the Network for Child Health Nurses, a network dedicated to enhancing child-health nursing
- Partnerships with the Sparkman Center for Global Health, the Widernet Project at the University of Iowa, and the WHO in developing a collection of nursing digital resources for the eGranary database
- Participating on the Steering Committee of the Global Alliance for Nursing and Midwifery, an International Nursing Community of Practice involving more than 1,600 nurses worldwide

### Linkages

- World Health Organization
- Pan American Health Organization
- PANMCC (Pan American Nursing and Midwifery Collaborating Centres)
- Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery Development
- Global Alliance for Nursing and Midwifery
- St. Jude's Hospital International Nursing Outreach Program
- The Network for Child Health Nurses (Red-ENSI)
- University of South Florida College of Nursing
- University of Oklahoma College of Nursing
- UAB English Language and Culture Institute
- UAB Sparkman Center for Global Health

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## Global Collaboration for Health and Development

WHO Collaborating Centres are institutions designated by the World Health Organization (WHO) to work collaboratively to advance health locally, nationally, and internationally. More than 1,000 WHO Collaborating Centres worldwide represent such specialties as occupational health, communicable diseases, nutrition, mental health, chronic diseases, and health technologies.

Of those, more than 40 centers in over 20 countries specialize in nursing and midwifery development.



## Implementing Educational Programs

The Centre focuses on designing and implementing educational programs for nurses and other health workers to address priority health needs of children and families, with a special emphasis on the PAHO region. Activities initiated under this objective include assuming leadership in the development of the Network for Nursing in Child Health, which includes members from all countries in Latin America and focuses on sharing information and improving child health nursing education and practice. Other activities include offering study abroad courses and experiences for UAB students, hosting international visiting students and scholars, and collaborating with other universities to develop continuing education and academic programs using distance technologies.

## Strengthening Leadership

Key activities under this objective include International Nursing Leadership Institutes that are offered every 2 years, focusing on leadership development initiatives and sharing resources related to global leadership development. Participants develop collaborative projects with UAB nursing faculty and have the option of taking classes in professional English through the UAB English Language and Culture Institute.

## Generating, Utilizing, and Disseminating Nursing Knowledge

Key activities related to this objective include offering on-site and distance education programs related to best practices in research; assisting with the development of the nursing portal for eGranary, a collection of digital nursing resources that can be accessed by nurses in low-resource countries with limited Internet access; and offering a Virtual International Writing Collaborative in partnership with the Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International and nurses from Alabama, Brazil, and South Africa.



## Enhancing Global Leadership Among UAB Students and Faculty

The UAB School of Nursing faculty, students, and partners have numerous opportunities to contribute to meeting the Collaborating Centre objectives. Faculty who make substantive contributions to the Collaborating Centre have an opportunity to be named as a UAB School of Nursing Collaborating Centre Scholar. The Centre is guided by a multi-disciplinary advisory board that includes members from UAB and other partners outside of the University. Students and faculty receive frequent communication about global opportunities and activities of the Centre and University.

## EXPERTISE AT HOME FOR NURSING EXCELLENCE ABROAD

The UAB School of Nursing was designated a Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)-WHO Collaborating Centre in 1994. The designation acknowledges our expertise in nursing education, research, leadership, and management and our commitment to strengthening global nursing leadership. As part of a vibrant research university and academic health center, faculty in the UAB School of Nursing embrace a vision to be innovative leaders, raising the quality of health care and expanding the educated nursing workforce in Alabama and worldwide. The Collaborating Centre has developed numerous international linkages with universities, professional nursing organizations, and non-governmental organizations to develop programs that address priority health needs—and to develop nursing professionals throughout the world. The focus of our Collaborating Centre is strengthening nursing's contribution to global child and family health through four terms of reference or objectives: (1) implementing educational programs; (2) strengthening leadership; (3) generating, utilizing and disseminating nursing knowledge; and (4) enhancing global leadership among UAB students and faculty. UAB School of Nursing seeks to strengthen and sustain nursing leadership worldwide through faculty, student and alumni initiatives in international health, translating the lessons learned to our local communities.

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