

## **Genetics/Genomics Toolkit for Faculty**

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Attendees at invitational meeting held October 22-24, 2006 drafted a strategic implementation plan for the *Essential Nursing Competencies and Curricula Guidelines for Genetics and Genomics*. The 5 year plan for integration of genetic/genomic competencies into nursing practice, nursing curricula, NCLEX, specialty certification, continuing education and accreditation is a daunting challenge. The realization of these goals will only be achieved with ongoing nursing organization, federal agency, and academic collaborations.

One of the desired resources suggested at the strategic planning meeting was a “Toolkit” for faculty. In collaboration with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, an invitational meeting was held September 14, 2007 to discuss the development of a Toolkit resource that illustrates the relevancy of genetics/genomics for nurses; identifies the right skills; provides the essential education support materials, is realistic in expected outcomes; and offers champions that can provide educational consultation. After reviewing current challenges for nursing faculty, available genetic/genomic resources and gaps in tools to prepare the nurse to integrate genetics/genomics into education and practice, there was agreement that such a “Toolkit” is needed and of value. This toolkit is now a work in progress. A working group has been formed to begin planning the “Toolkit” components in Feb. 2008.