

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Senior Honors Project Guidelines

Goal

The Senior Honors Research Project will allow students to explore and investigate a specific area of interest that relates to their undergraduate studies. The project is typically completed as a research thesis (original scholarship investigating a significant question) or a systematic review of evidence answering a practice question.

Purpose

The Honors Research Project will provide students with nursing science research experience and the opportunity for systematic study of a relevant nursing problem. The project will help students apply the research and evidence-based practice process, which they will continue to use in professional practice. Further, the project builds a foundation for advanced studies.

Getting Started

Once you are accepted to the School of Nursing, you will be notified of your enrollment in an ongoing Nursing Honors springboard site. The site includes resources for nursing honors students, especially related to the senior honors proposal and project.

Writing Your Honors Project Proposal

During your junior year in the nursing program, you will enroll in the honors section of Nursing Research N435. During the course you will form an honors project team, identify a focus for your honors project, identify a faculty sponsor and readers, and write your honors proposal.

Getting Finished

Once you have completed the Nursing Research course, you and your project team will continue project work. This includes:

- Submitting your proposal and signature sheet to the Honors College
- Getting university IRB approval, if you are collecting data from human subjects
- Meeting with your sponsor regularly to set deadlines and discuss progress: This ensures that you and your team are progressing with your project and constructing very well-done final products.

- Enrolling in independent study to earn credit for your project: If your project is not completed during the semester of enrollment, you will receive an Incomplete, which will be changed once you earn your project grade.
- Reading and responding to emails you receive from key School of Nursing honors faculty about deadlines and opportunities
- Referring to resources in the Nursing Honors springboard site for project information, including the recommended grading guidelines for final project papers
- Distributing your final paper to readers during early spring semester of your senior year
- Revising the paper, based on reader feedback and with sponsor supervision
- Submitting the final paper and signature sheet to the Honors College
- Presenting a poster about your project at a UA, CHP, or SON event