

## **Fayetteville State University Honors Program in Nursing**

The purpose of the Honors Program in Nursing is to challenge exceptionally able and self-motivated students to develop in-depth understanding of the role of nursing, build a conceptual framework for practice, and expand knowledge of issues related to the nursing profession.

### **1. Admission**

Students admitted to the Upper Division of the Nursing Program can apply to engage in further professional development and recognition as a Nursing Honors student. To do so, students majoring in Nursing must complete an *Application for Admission* for the Honors Program ([uncfshonors.edu](http://uncfshonors.edu)), earn a minimum of 12 semester hours at FSU, and have a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.3. Applications are accepted only in the spring semester. In addition, the student must secure two letters of recommendation (one of which must be from a college faculty) and write a 250-500 word essay. Admission to the Honors Program is based on the student demonstrated Honors potential at FSU. Transfer students must not have more than 60 completed semester hours.

### **2. Courses**

A grade of “B” or higher is required to earn honors credit for the course. Failure to earn honors credit would not prevent a student from earning course credit with a final grade of “C” or “D”. The department requires that each student sign a contract for each Honors course in the major. The contract explains the extra assignments and projects for the Honors students enrolled in the course. To maintain eligibility to enroll in Honors course or seek honors credit in regular classes, students must maintain a minimum cumulative 3.3 Grade Point Average with at least 12 earned hours per semester. Students must complete at least four courses designed as Honors in the University College, one of which must be chosen from the following: SPEE 200, ENGL 211, and ENGL 212.

### **3. Program Coordination**

Students in Honors Nursing are assigned a departmental level Honors Coordinator, who will monitor student progress throughout the Honors Nursing program and design appropriate service learning experiences (internships, student conferences, community service activities, research activities, Study Abroad opportunities, etc.) in the program.

### **4. Certification Requirements**

To graduate with University Honors in Nursing, a student must complete 30 hours of Honors credit, 12 at the University College level and 18 in the upper division major of Nursing. The Nursing Honors student must successfully complete Honors requirements in the following Nursing major courses: NURS 320 Health Assessment Across the Lifespan (3 credit hours), NURS 400 Nursing Research and Theory (3 credit hours), NURS 406 Caring for Populations with Unique

Needs: Community Health (5 credit hours), NURS 481 Senior Practicum (3 credit hours), and NURS 499 Independent Study (4 credit hours).

## 5. Coursework Requirement for Nursing Honors students

**NURS 320 Health Assessment Honors (3 credit hours):** The student, in addition to other course requirements, is to complete written head-to-toe assessment on a client including identification of a health disparity as outlined by Health People 2010, and a 250-500 word essay about a nursing concept pertinent to the care of that client.

**NURS 400 Nursing Research and Theory (3 credit hours):** The student, in addition to other course requirements, is to develop a research proposal that has a nursing conceptual framework and addresses a health disparity from Healthy People 2010.

**NURS 406 Caring for Populations with Unique Needs: Community Health (5 credit hours):** The student, in addition to other course requirements, is to develop and implement an intervention for a community that addresses a health disparity as identified by Healthy People 2010.

**NURS 481 Senior Practicum (3 credit hours):** The student, in addition to other course requirements, is to complete a case study for a client identified in the clinical practicum area.

### Elective:

**NURS 499 Independent Study (4 credit hours):** In the Independent Study course, the student, under the supervision of a full-time member of the faculty, will have an opportunity to expand current knowledge in a specific area of interest related to nursing. Also, students will remediate deficient areas of knowledge, behavior, or skills as well as develop or enhance skills in analyzing, synthesizing, and integrating concepts related to nursing or clinical nursing experiences.

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Departmental Approval

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