

Policy S-7  
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**TITLE: DIRECTED INDIVIDUAL STUDY**

**POLICY:** Four (4) credit hours will be the maximum number of credit hours allocated to any D.I.S. All D.I.S.'s will be directly related to nursing. Extracurricular or volunteer activities will not be considered appropriate for a D.I.S.

The total number of D.I.S. hours in the nursing major cannot be more than six (6) credit hours. Students requesting a D.I.S. must be progressing through the regular curriculum without difficulty, both in theory and practicum. To be eligible for a D.I.S., the student should have an overall grade point average of 2.0 in the University and a minimum of 2.0 in the nursing major. Any D.I.S. requested in the College of Nursing is subject to general University policies, with the exception of the GPA requirement.

If a group of students request the same general topic area, each student will identify his/her own segment(s) of concentration of effort toward the general goal. Therefore, objectives, learning activities, and/or methods of assessment will vary depending upon the contractual goals of the individual student. Each student participant in a group submits a separate D.I.S. request to the faculty sponsor. A group project will be limited to a maximum of (5) students.

**RATIONALE:** The purpose of a D.I.S. is to permit a student to concentrate on an individually selected topic of interest in nursing. The student initiates a request to a specific faculty member who agrees to guide the study. Faculty members do not initiate or offer D.I.S.'s. No faculty member will be expected to sponsor more than five (5) D.I.S.'s (either individual or group total) during any one term, excluding the London Program.

PROCEDURE:

1. The student seeks a faculty member willing to sponsor the project.
2. The student submits the D.I.S. request to the faculty sponsor during the term preceding the one for which the D.I.S. is requested.
3. The student will describe the course of study including objectives and learning activities. If a clinical component is included, the clinical agency or area will be identified. Methods of assessment and grading policy will be specified after being developed collaboratively with the faculty sponsor.
4. The student is responsible for submitting the proposal on the designated form to the faculty member for clarification and agreement. The proposal should be typed. The form for a D.I.S. can be obtained from the faculty sponsor.
5. All proposals must be submitted to the Dean for final approval.
6. Official action (approval or disapproval) by the Dean will be communicated directly to the sponsoring faculty member. The faculty sponsor is responsible for notifying the student of the official action.

Approved by:

Faculty	3/26/04	4/18/08	8/11/10
Dean	4/01/04	4/18/08	8/11/10

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ATTACHMENT #1

PROPOSAL FOR D.I.S.

Title for D.I.S.:

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Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Term to be offered: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Hours \_\_\_\_\_

No. of D.I.S. Credits Previously Taken in the Nursing Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Goal of Purpose:

Specific Objectives:

Course Structure: (Number of class and/or clinical sessions, frequency, time allocation, etc.)

Learning Activities:

Evaluation:

Grade Assignment: (S/U or Letter Grade):

Criteria for Assessment: (i.e., basis for grading)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Faculty Sponsor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Action by the Dean: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved

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Signature of the Dean

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Date