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**TITLE: HONORS IN THE NURSING MAJOR**

**POLICY:** Honors in the Major in Nursing involves a special research project developed with the assistance of a three-person committee consisting of a Faculty Directing Professor and two additional nursing faculty. Undergraduate students who have completed 12 semester hours in the nursing major and have a minimum 3.7 cumulative GPA at FSU are eligible to apply for the Honors in the Nursing Major program.

**RATIONALE:** The Honors Program in the Nursing Major provides an opportunity for the most talented nursing students to develop into excellent scholars and prepare for the discipline of graduate study. Completion of an Honors Thesis as part of the Honors in the Nursing Major program leads to the distinction of graduation “with Honors” being designed on the official transcript and the student’s thesis being digitally archived in Strozier Library’s D-Scholarship Repository.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Students are encouraged to make plans for Honors in the Major after admission into the nursing major. Students should meet with the Nursing Honors Liaison discuss the honors program while enrolled in NUR 3167 The Research Process for Professional Practice.
2. Complete the application found on the FSU Honors in the Major webpage [www.honorsinthemajor.fsu.edu/tutorial/topic.html](http://www.honorsinthemajor.fsu.edu/tutorial/topic.html) . The application is due the third day of classes in the first term you plan to register for thesis credit. Before you turn in your application, you must (1) Make an appointment to speak with an Honors Advisor by contacting the FSU Honors Office at (850) 644-1841 (2) Find a Thesis Director (3) Decide on a topic (at least something general, which can later be narrowed down). Once you have been advised by the Honors Office, you will be given a password to access the application in the [Documents](#) area. All forms must be filled out completely before printing—handwritten forms will not be accepted. All of the appropriate signatures must also be obtained before submitting the forms.
3. Students must take six hours of Honors Thesis credit, typically over two semesters, to graduate With Honors. Three of these hours can count toward major elective requirements. The course you register for honors thesis credit, is NUR 4975r, Honors Thesis (1-6).

4. The research project will entail original, empirical nursing research taking the form of a descriptive or experimental research design. A literature review should contain a critical discussion of the status of current research on a topic approved by a Faculty Directing Professor who holds a faculty rank of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor. The student will formulate a research question and a method to address the question. The student will carry out the study and compile the results. The final section will discuss the results and relate them to the existing literature. The paper for the project will consist of 30-50 pages and will conform to the standards of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association.
5. The student will receive a letter grade on the project for each semester in which he or she is enrolled. Grading of uncompleted work is based on student's progress (e.g., reviewing relevant literature, writing parts of thesis, and/or collecting, summarizing, or analyzing data).
6. There are no requirements beyond successful completion of the Honors Thesis for graduation With Honors in Nursing.

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