

**Policy U-2**  
**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**COLLEGE OF NURSING**

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 faculty.
RATIONALE	<p>The Honors Program in the Nursing Major provides an opportunity for our most highly talented nursing students to develop into entry-level scholars and prepare for graduate studies at the MSN, DNP or PhD levels. Completion of an Honors Thesis as part of the Honors in the Nursing Major leads to the distinction of graduation with Honors being designated on the official transcript and the student's thesis being digitally archived in Strozier Library's D-Scholarship Repository.</p>
QUALIFICATIONS	<p>1-Must be a current FSU student fully admitted to the Nursing Major. 2- Transfer Students: If they meet the eligibility criteria by the end of their first semester at FSU, transfer students may apply to the HITM program during their first semester. This would permit them to begin an HITM project as early as their second semester at FSU.</p> <p>3-Must have at least a 3.200 GPA for both FSU and Cumulative GPAs at the end of the semester of application. Note: in keeping with FSU Registrar's policy, we do not round up to the third decimal place. 4-Must have completed at least 60 college credits at the end of the semester of application</p> <p>5-Must have completed at least 12 graded FSU hours at the end of the semester of application</p> <p>6-Must have at least two semesters remaining until graduation.</p>

PROCEDURE	<p>1-The College of Nursing Office for Research and Scholarship, under the direction of the Assistant Deans for Research and the Associate Dean for Research will host information sessions at the beginning of each term. At this time, an on-line application will be opened. This application will be opened through week-6 of the semester, for projects that will begin during the semester that follows.</p> <p>2-During this period, students may meet for additional information with the Honors in the Major Liaison.</p> <p>3-Once the application window closes, the Assistant Dean for Research will compile the list, and will circulate and directly recruit for Faculty Directing Professors by matching, as possible, students whose research interests align with those of the available faculty.</p> <p>4-The Honors program sets deadlines during the end of each semester, for students who will begin their Honors in the Major Project during the following semester. Once students are matched with a Faculty Directing</p>
-----------	--

	<p>Professor, they will complete the application found on the FSU Honors in the Major webpage. <a href="https://honors.fsu.edu/academics/honors-major">https://honors.fsu.edu/academics/honors-major</a></p> <p>5-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 to register for honors thesis credit, is NUR 4975r, Honors Thesis (1-6). The Office of Student Services at the College of Nursing will facilitate enrollment for these students.</p> <p>6-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).</p> <p>7-There are no requirements beyond successful completion of the Honors Thesis for graduation With Honors in Nursing.</p> <p>8-Additional guidance for the Honors in the Major Program can be gained at <a href="https://honors.fsu.edu/academics/honors-major">https://honors.fsu.edu/academics/honors-major</a></p>
--	---

<p><b>PROJECT STRUCTURE</b></p>	<p>The following projects may be selected by the student under the guidance of the Faculty Directing Professor:</p> <p>1-Analytical-An analytical HITM project is a research experience, often written in the form of a thesis, around a question or problem statement that can address a gap in scientific knowledge based on the current peer reviewed academic literature. This is a typical research project that will require application to the FSU IRB. The scope of the project should be limited such that the project can be completed in two semesters. These may be based on a portion of the Faculty Director’s research but will be the original work of the student.</p> <p>2-Creative-A creative HITM project is research grounded in artistic inquiry and informed by the works of relevant practitioners, and that explores a political, cultural, economic, and/or social issue. This form of project may include observations that occur in a healthcare setting, during structured clinical experiences. For this form of project, the student will maintain a journal that reflects on their clinical experiences during each shift, as the reflect the topic of interest. The student will use the literature to explain the phenomenon under consideration and will compare their experiences and findings to the literature to fully explore the selected aspect of nursing practice. This form of project is based on the students’ experiences, and thus, will not require application to the FSU IRB.</p>
	<p>3-Applied-An applied or experiential HITM project is action-based research driven by an investigation of the state of academic, professional, and/or technical knowledge represented by current peer-reviewed academic literature, professional practice, and/or technical application. For this form of project, the student will identify a nursing problem, conduct a search, analysis and synthesis of the literature and evidence, and make conclusions regarding the optimal state of nursing and/or healthcare practice given the weight of the evidence. This form of project will not require application to the FSU IRB.</p>