



Nursing Honors & Early Entry PhD Programs Information Session



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What is Nursing Honors?

- An opportunity to:
 - Grow your **intellectual curiosity** through engagement in challenging academic experiences.
 - Establish a **network** of faculty mentors, instructors and advisors to support academic and professional growth related to research and advanced practice.
 - Participate in a supportive **community** of academically engaged peers.
 - Demonstrate advanced content **knowledge and skills** through an Honors thesis, poster/oral conference presentation, publication, or other scholarly work.

What are criteria for the Honors program?

- All students admitted into the traditional nursing program are eligible to apply
- Students must be willing/able to participate in a mentored research experience





What is the time commitment for the Honors program at the School of Nursing?

- Fall semester of first year – complete Honors application
 - Applicants will be notified of selection at the end of Fall semester
- Spring semester of first year – enroll and complete N679 Honors Research course and seminar – 2 credits
 - Buy-out of 1 credit during spring semester of second year through enrollment in N442 Health Systems, Policies, and Economics

- Fall semester of second year – enroll in N681 Honors practicum for 1-2 credits
 - Some student negotiate to begin during summer
 - Each credit hour is worth 3 hours of student time/week (for example, if you enroll for 1 credit, you will be expected to put 45 hours of time into the Honors course for the semester)
- Spring semester of second year
 - 2-credit honors section of N442
 - N682 Honors practicum for 1-2 credits
 - Final project/thesis due
 - Projects take many forms



Nursing Year One

Fall Semester	Credits (17)
N317 Pharmacology (offered fall only)	3
N105 Health Care Systems (if not completed during pre-nursing years)	2
N313 Foundations of Nursing Practice	2
N314 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Across the Lifespan	4
N315 Professionalism in Nursing Practice	2
N316 Foundations of Nursing Practice: Experiential Learning	4

Spring Semester	Credits (18)
N318 Pathophysiology (offered spring only)	3
N323 Health and Illness Concepts with Individuals and Families	4
N324 Meeting the Psychosocial Health Needs of Individuals, Families, and Communities	3
N325 Professionalism in Health Care Settings	2
N326/N327 Health and Illness Concepts with Individuals and Families: Experiential Learning (two rotations)	4
N679 Nursing Honors Research Seminar	2

Nursing Year Two

Fall Semester	Credits (14-15)	Spring Semester	Credits (13-14)
N434 Health and Illness Concepts with Individuals, Families, and Communities	5	N443 Advanced Health and Illness Concepts in Complex Nursing Practice	5
N435 Evidence-Based Practice	1	N442 Health Systems, Policy, and Economics (instead of N444)	2
N436 Health and Illness Concepts with Individuals, Families, and Communities: Experiential Learning (two rotations)	4	N445 Transformative Nursing Capstone	1
N437 Social Justice in Local and Global Settings	3	N446 Advanced Health and Illness Concepts in Complex Nursing Practice: Experiential Learning (two rotations)	4
N681 Senior Honors Thesis	1-2	N682 Senior Honors Thesis	1-2

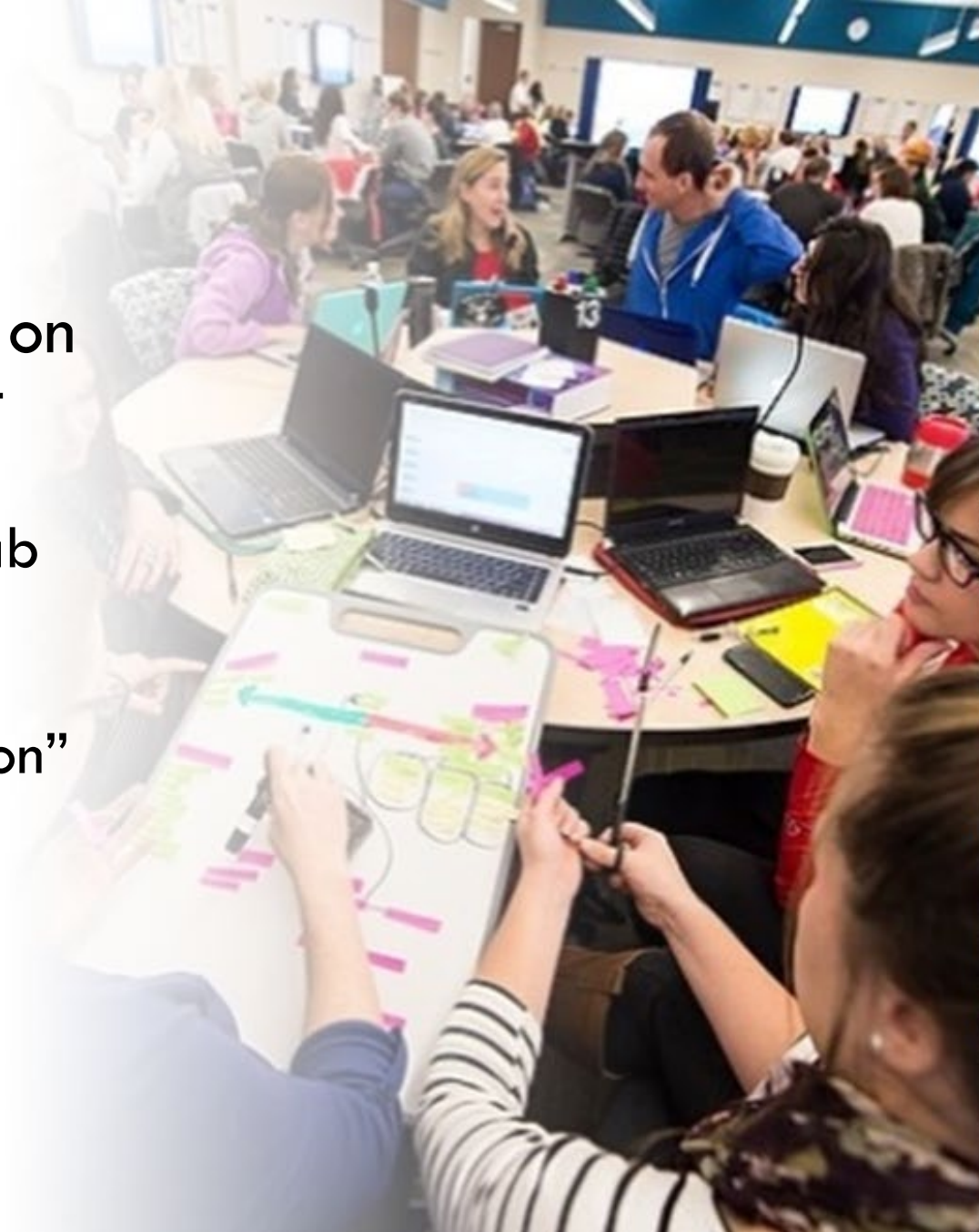
Honors Program Application

- The Nursing Honors Program application will consist of one essay question that students must complete in under 500 words:

“The Nursing Honors Program strives to provide students with the opportunity to work with a faculty mentor on a research project. If you are selected for the program, what research experience(s) do you hope to gain? Please explain how your undergraduate engagement in a mentored nursing research experience would enhance your career.”

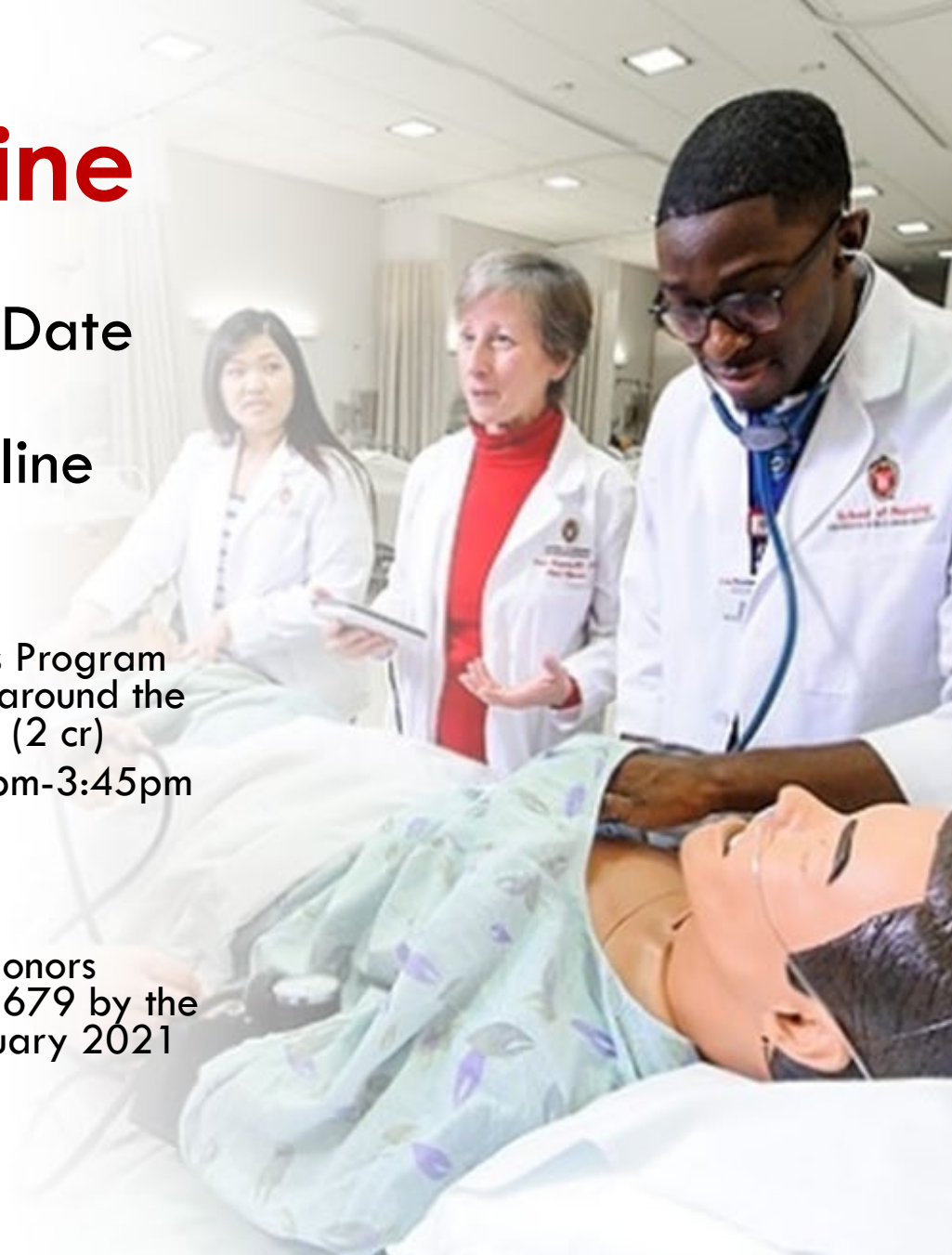
Honors Program Application

- You can find the application on the SoN Website for Current Students
 - Click the “Undergraduate” tab for the drop down menu
 - Click “Honors Program”
 - Under “Application Information”
- Or go directly to the application here:
 - <http://go.wisc.edu/nursing-honors-app>



Application Timeline

- Application Submission Start Date
 - October 12th
- Application Submission Deadline
 - October 23rd at 11:59pm
- Course Registration
 - Students applying to the Nursing Honors Program will need to plan their course schedules around the N679 Nursing Honors Research Seminar (2 cr)
 - N679: *Tentatively*, Wednesdays, 2pm-3:45pm
- Decision Notification
 - On/After November 9th
 - Students accepted to the Nursing Honors Program will have to register for N679 by the beginning of Spring Semester, January 2021





Questions?



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Other questions in the future?

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PhD Early Entry Option (EEO)

BSN to PhD



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Why pursue a PhD?

- Conduct research to advance the science of nursing
 - Better understand problems of importance to nursing
 - Develop and test nursing interventions
- Make an impact on a larger scale
- Careers as a nurse researcher
 - Clinical nurse scientist
 - Academic nurse scientist
 - Industry – research in for profit companies
 - Government – policy expert / advocate

What is the Early Entry Option?

- Fast track to a research career
- Select focus of research and plan an individualized training program
 - Senior year clinical practicum in area of research interest
 - Begin grad coursework as undergrad
 - Participate in a research team with a faculty mentor, undergrad and grad students, post-docs



BS Nursing Year Two

Fall Semester	Credits (17-18)	Spring Semester	Credits (16-17)
N434 Health and Illness Concepts with Individuals, Families, and Communities	5	N443 Advanced Health and Illness Concepts in Complex Nursing Practice	5
N435 Evidence-Based Practice	1	N442 Health Systems, Policy, and Economics	2
N436 Health and Illness Concepts with Individuals, Families, and Communities: Experiential Learning (two rotations)	4	N445 Transformative Nursing Capstone	1
N437 Social Justice in Local and Global Settings	3	N446 Advanced Health and Illness Concepts in Complex Nursing Practice: Experiential Learning (two rotations)	4
N706 Nursing Research	3	N719 Independent Field Study in Clinical Nursing	
N681 Senior Honors Thesis	1-2	Graduate Statistics or Elective	3
		N682 Senior Honors Thesis	1-2

PhD Curriculum

- Scholarly Inquiry (18 cr)
 - Knowledge Development, Role Proseminar, Quantitative & Qualitative Research Methods, Ethics/Responsible Conduct of Research, Statistics
- Theory & Practice of Nursing (3-9 cr)
- Policy & Leadership (3-9 cr)
- Nursing Education (3 cr)
- PhD Minor (9 cr)
- Research / Dissertation (10 cr)



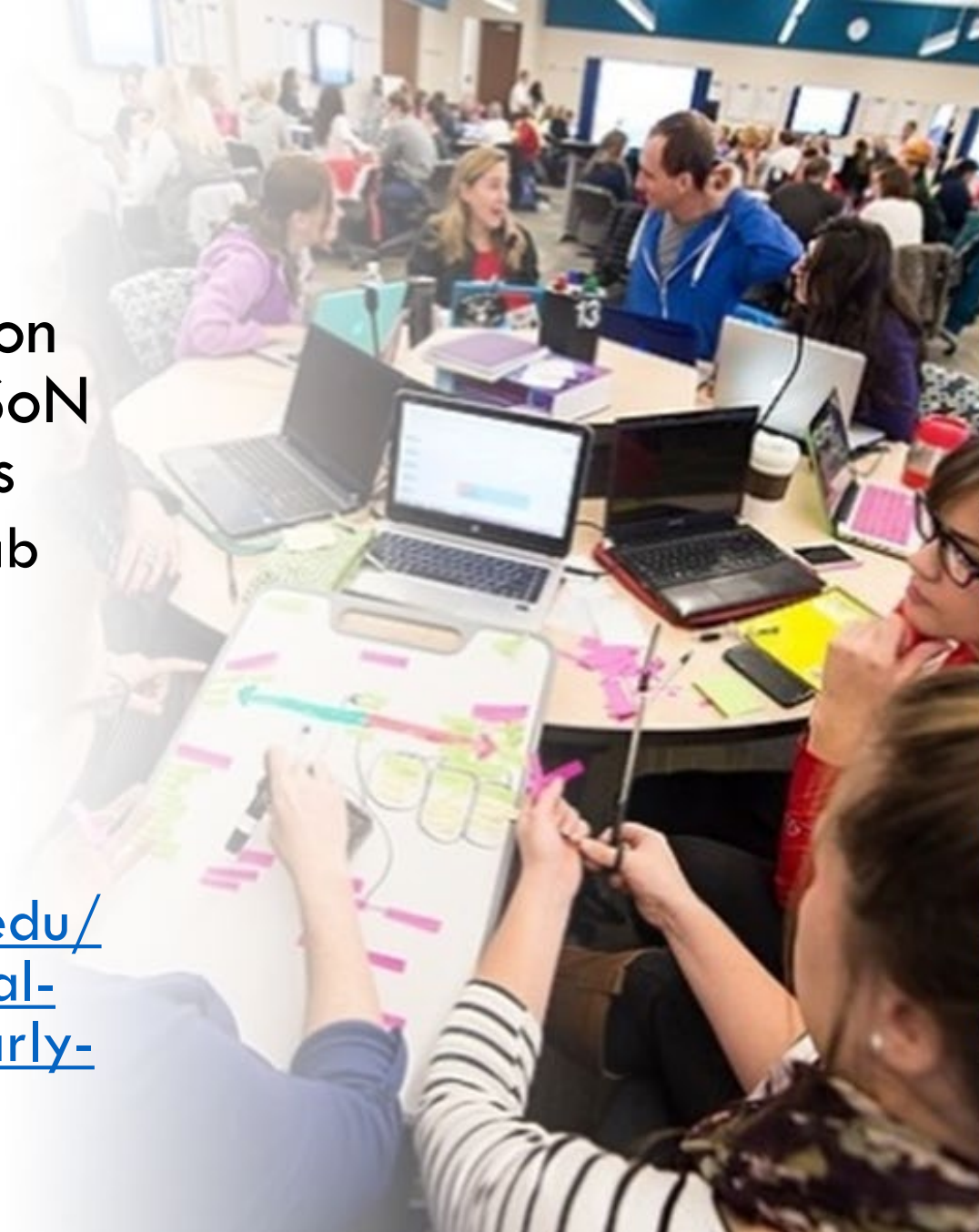


Funding Opportunities

- Research-related awards for out-of-pocket study expenses (supplies, printing, etc.)
- Support for travel to present research at conferences
- Graduate tuition remission and living stipend
 - Project Assistant
 - Teaching Assistant
 - Fellowship

EEO Information

- Find EEO program information and application link on the SoN Website for Current Students
 - Click the “Undergraduate” tab for the drop down menu
 - Click “Optional Programs”
 - Under “Early PhD Option”
- Or link from here:
 - <https://students.nursing.wisc.edu/undergraduate-menu/optional-programs/undergraduate-early-phd-option/>



Application

- Spring semester of first year in BSN Program
- Open: February 1
- Deadline: April 1
- Requirements:
 - Honors Program
 - Minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA



Application Materials

- Online application
(will be available February 1)
- ACT or SAT scores
(Not required if test scores were submitted to UW-Madison as part of admission)
- Transcript(s)
- Resume
- Personal statement
- References





Other PhD questions in the future?

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Thank you!

