Nursing Honors Program Information Session
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 undergraduate nursing program are eligible to apply.

• Students must be willing & able to participate in a mentored research experience during their second year in the program.
What is nursing research?

• Research is systematic inquiry that uses disciplined methods to answer questions or solve problems
• Nursing research generates knowledge for nurses, and for nursing
• Basic research does not typically focus on solving practical problems
  • Often lab-based research, or animal studies without direct application to humans
• Applied and translational research seeks solutions to practical problems
  • Translational research focuses on translating research findings into practice with humans
Research in the School of Nursing

• Information is available at https://nursing.wisc.edu/nursing-research/

• Signature research areas
  • Aging & care of older adults
  • Children, families, and reproductive health
  • Health disparities
  • Health systems & public health
  • Mental health and substance use
  • Symptom science & palliative care

• More information on the research programs of School of Nursing faculty is available at https://nursing.wisc.edu/research-faculty/
What is the time commitment for the Honors program at the School of Nursing?

• Fall semester of first year
  • Complete Honors application
  • Receive notification of selection at the end of Fall semester

• Spring semester of first year
  • Enroll and complete 2 credit N679 Honors Research course and seminar
  • Buy-out of 1 credit during spring semester of second year through enrollment in N442 Health Systems, Policies, and Economics

• You will be matched with a research mentor at the end of the first year Spring semester
• Fall semester of second year
  • N681 Honors practicum for 1-2 credits
  • Some students negotiate to begin during summer – this is up to you and your mentor!
  • Each credit hour is worth 3 hours of student time/week (for example, 1 credit = 45 hours of time for 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

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Honors Program Application

• The Nursing Honors Program application consists of one essay question that students must answer 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
  • Click “Optional Programs” & select the Honors program
  • Navigate to “Application Information” (right-hand side)

• Or go directly to the application here:
  • [https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e3AqPcTLMOFVIO2](https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e3AqPcTLMOFVIO2)
Application Timeline

• Application Submission Start Date
  • October 31<sup>st</sup>

• Application Submission Deadline
  • Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 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)

• Decision Notification
  • On or after December 1<sup>st</sup>
  • Students accepted to the Nursing Honors Program will have to register for N679 by the beginning of Spring Semester, January 2022
  • Tentatively scheduled for Wednesdays, 3-4 pm
Questions?
Other questions in the future?

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PhD Early Entry Option (EEO)

BSN to PhD
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

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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?

Feel free to contact academic affairs academic.affairs@nursing.wisc.edu,

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Thank you!