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

- 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:

  If you are selected for the program, what do you hope to gain? Please share how learning about nursing research, and working closely on a research project with a faculty mentor through the Honors program will enhance your career.
Honors Program Application

• 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_eY9IljYzMJGcu bk](https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eY9IljYzMJGcu bk)
Application Timeline

• 11/8: Application Submission Start Date
• 11/22: Application Submission Deadline
• 12/6: Decision Notification

Course Registration
• Students accepted to the Nursing Honors Program will register for N679, Nursing Honors Research Seminar (2 credits), before the start of the Spring Semester
  • Darby will email you!
  • Tentatively hold Wednesdays, 3-4 pm
Questions?
Other questions in the future?

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