



# Nursing Honors Program Information Session



School of Nursing  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON



# 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

Fall Semester	Credits (17)	Spring Semester	Credits (18)
N317 Pharmacology (offered fall only)	3	N318 Pathophysiology (offered spring only)	3
N105 Health Care Systems (if not completed during pre-nursing years)	2	N323 Health and Illness Concepts with Individuals and Families	4
N313 Foundations of Nursing Practice	2	N324 Meeting the Psychosocial Health Needs of Individuals, Families, and Communities	3
N314 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Across the Lifespan	4	N325 Professionalism in Health Care Settings	2
N315 Professionalism in Nursing Practice	2	N326/N327 Health and Illness Concepts with Individuals and Families: Experiential Learning	4
N316 Foundations of Nursing Practice: Experiential Learning	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	<b>N442 Health Systems, Policy, and Economics (instead of N444)</b>	2
N436 Health and Illness Concepts with Individuals, Families, and Communities: Experiential Learning	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	4
<b>N681 Senior Honors Project</b>	1-2	<b>N682 Senior Honors Project</b>	1-2

# 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\\_eY9IjYzMJGcubk](https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eY9IjYzMJGcubk)





# 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?



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# Other questions in the future?

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