SCHOOL OF NURSING HONORS TRACK

Introduction
The School of Nursing Honors Program, jointly sponsored by the Department of Nursing and the Honors Program, offers an outstanding, research focused educational experience for qualified students who wish to enhance their undergraduate education and prepare for further research activity and academic study post graduation.

Students enrolled in the program have the opportunity to investigate a topic of interest to them and to work closely with a Senior Honors Project adviser to enhance their understanding of the research process. Under the guidance of a SONDH Honors Committee approved faculty mentor, the honors nursing student designs, implements, and reports on findings from a research study of their choosing. Upon graduation, the student who has completed the requirements for the honors program earns a BS degree with Honors, High Honors, or Highest Honors, depending on their level of achievement.

This program is ideal for students who: love to read and write, enjoy working independently, are interested in nursing research, and want to work closely with a faculty member who shares their intellectual interests. Because the focus of the honors program is a mentored research project, students best suited for the program are those who are interested in exploring this aspect of nursing practice.

Note: Because of the specialized nature of the School of Nursing undergraduate curriculum, the requirements of the Honors program for nursing students, including admission requirements and course requirements, are unique to the School of Nursing. Honors courses required by the broader UH Honors Program (H101, H491, etc) are covered within the nursing curriculum and are NOT required for nursing students in the honors program. Prospective nursing students interested in the School of Nursing Honors Program should review this description of the program in depth and if still interested should make an appointment with Dr. Estelle Codier, the Nursing Honors Program Director.

Requirements for the Department of Nursing Honors Program:

1. GPA- A cumulative GPA of 3.5 is required for entry into the nursing honors program, and students are expected to maintain a GPA >3.2 for the entirety of their time in the Honors Program.
2. When to apply-Applications to the School of Nursing Honors Program are accepted at the end of the second and no later than the end of fourth semester. Students who are in the UH Honors Program prior to admission to the School of Nursing must apply separately to the Nursing Honors Program. Students in the 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th semesters of the nursing program are NOT eligible for admission to the Honors Program.
3. How to apply-The following must be completed according to the Honors Program’s application timetable:
a. Submission of the University of Hawaii Honors Program’s online application and recommendation form
b. Interview-Students applying for acceptance into the School of Nursing Honors Program must complete an interview with representative/s of the School of Nursing Honors Committee.
c. If successfully interview with committee member, a departmental approval form must be submitted to the Honors Program
4. The Nursing Honors Program Director will email the student regarding the outcome of the application.
5. Program requirements-School of Nursing Honors students are expected to complete the following:
a. 4-5 semesters of mentored honors work on their honors project, under the guidance of an honors advisor from the School of Nursing (Note: course credit via N4XX study is offered for each semester of honors study)
b. IRB application and approval for the project research if required
c. Participation in the UH Honors Department Proposal Conference
d. Participation in the UH Honors Department Poster workshop if available
e. Participation in the UH Honors Department Spring Symposium or Fall Forum (Depending on the semester of their graduation)
f. At least one SONDH presentation of the research project
g. Formation of a project Honors Committee to oversee evaluation of the honors project
h. Maintenance of a minimum GPA >3.2 for the duration of their honors study.

All questions about application to and participation in the School of Nursing Honors Program should be directed to Dr. Estelle Codier at codier@hawaii.edu.

Oversight of the SONDH Honors Program is provided by the Program Director in collaboration with the SONDH Honors Committee, the Undergraduate Curriculum and Evaluation Committee for curriculum issues and the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee for issues pertaining to student participation in the program.