



## Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing Honors Track

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### Introduction

The Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing (NAWSON) and UHM 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 after graduation.

Students enrolled in the NAWSON Honors track have the opportunity to investigate a topic of interest to them and to work closely with an Honors Project faculty mentor to enhance their understanding of the research process. Under the guidance an approved faculty mentor, the Honors NAWSON 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 (noted on transcript and diploma).

This program is ideal for students who love to read and write, enjoy working independently, are interested in research, and want to work closely with a faculty member who supports their intellectual interests. Because the focus of the Honors track is a mentored research project, students must have initiative and motivation to work independently.

**Note:** *Because of the specialized nature of the undergraduate nursing and dental hygiene curricula, the requirements of the Honors program for NAWSON students, including admission requirements and course requirements, are unique. Students who participate in an approved nursing research course, which may be obtained through the Summer Study Abroad Program, will be allowed to substitute this experience for the lower-division Honors courses requirements. Honors A-section courses (e.g. ENG 100A, PSY 100A) may fulfill GenEd requirements for Honors undergraduates in NAWSON.*

***Upper Division Honors courses required by the broader UH Honors Track (HON 491, etc.) are covered within the nursing curriculum and are NOT required for nursing students in the Honors program***

*Prospective nursing or dental hygiene students interested in the NAWSON Honors Track should review this description of the program in depth and if interested should make an appointment with Dr. Alice Tse, the NAWSON Honors Track Advisor.*

### Requirements

1. A cumulative GPA of 3.2 is required for entry into the NAWSON Honors track, and students are expected to maintain a GPA >3.2 for the entirety of their time in the Honors Program.
2. Students who are in the UHM Honors Program in general but wish to continue in the NAWSON Honors track must be accepted into the NAWSON program to continue in the NAWSON Honors track.

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3. When to apply:
  - a. Applications to the NAWSON Honors track are accepted **no later** than the end of the student's third semester, by December 1 of junior year). **Only students accepted into the nursing or dental hygiene major may apply for the NAWSON Honors track. Acceptance into Honors does not mean acceptance into the NAWSON Honors track.**
  
4. How to apply: Students applying for acceptance into the NAWSON Honors Program typically submit their application during the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester of the junior year. (Students may be considered for admission into the NAWSON Honors track before their junior year on a case-by-case basis.) All applicants must meet the GPA requirements and the steps below:
  - a. Complete the Honors Program's online application and recommendation form, and an interview with the Honors Director.
  - b. Complete an interview with Dr. Alice Tse to discuss their plan for Honors.
  - c. After admission to the NAWSON Honors track, the NAWSON advisor will complete the Departmental Approval Form via Honors Mākālei.
  
5. Program requirements: NAWSON students are expected to complete the following:
  - a. Enroll into 3 semesters of mentored work on their Honors Project under the guidance of a faculty mentor from the NAWSON. Course credit via NURS 481 and DH 499 study is offered for each semester of Honors study.
  - b. Submit a 10-12 page Honors Project proposal, and complete the Honors project/ mentor form via Honors Mākālei (Semester 4)
  - c. Submit an IRB application and approval for the research project (if applicable).
  - d. Complete HON 494 (zero credits, four modules online/asynchronous) in the semester after the proposal is submitted (Semester 5)
  - e. Form a two-person Honors Committee to oversee mentorship and evaluation of the Honors project by selecting a NAWSON faculty member join the NAWSON Honors faculty (Semester 5)
    - i. Students must submit their Honors committee names on Honors Mākālei
  - f. Register for NURS 481 and DH 499 course credits each semester for working on the NAWSON Senior Honors project
  - g. Present the final project at the UH Undergraduate Showcase (Semester 6)
  - h. Submit a completed honors project report on Honors Mākālei (Semester 6)

All questions about application to and participation in the NAWSON Honors Program should be directed to Dr. Alice Tse at [atse@hawaii.edu](mailto:atse@hawaii.edu).

*Oversight of the NAWSON Honors Program is provided by the NAWSON Honors Program Director in collaboration with the NAWSON Director for Research, the Prelicensure Curriculum & Program Delivery committee for curriculum issues and the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee for issues pertaining to student participation in the program.*

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