

# IOWA

College of Nursing

# Nursing Honors

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## **Nursing Honors**

The purpose of the UI College of Nursing Honors Program is to assist undergraduate nursing students to develop skills and experience to prepare for graduate study. With the support of a faculty mentor and the Honors advisor, students plan and execute a project that results in an evidence-based scholarly product. Honors can open new horizons and allows the student to develop their critical thinking, scientific writing, and leadership skills. Applicants are selected based upon their academic record, faculty mentor match, and the quality of the student goal and project statements in the application. Students receive recognition at graduation as having earned Honors in Nursing.

## **Is Nursing Honors different from University Honors?**

University Honors is a program offered for freshmen, sophomores, and students transferring from other four year institutions. It is not necessary to participate in University Honors in order to apply for Nursing Honors. However, Nursing Honors does meet the requirements for the experiential learning (Part II) of University Honors.

## **Eligibility**

Undergraduates with a nursing major (pre-licensure BSN students or RN-BSN students) are eligible for Nursing Honors whether or not the student is participating in University Honors.

To be eligible to apply, students must:

- be enrolled in nursing major coursework and pre-licensure students must be juniors or seniors.
- have two or more sequential semesters remaining in their program of study.
- have a UI cumulative GPA of 3.5 and a nursing GPA of 3.5.

## **Expectations**

**Honors in Nursing is a two sequential semester commitment.**

- During the first semester, students will complete an online seminar designed to plan and develop the honors project and related scholarly product. (1 semester hour credit)
- In the second semester, students will complete the project planned during the first semester. Students should anticipate an average investment of ten hours per week.

## **Expectations (continued)**

**The project must produce an evidence-based scholarly product.**

- The form of the scholarly product is determined in partnership with the faculty mentor.
  - Past project forms include a peer-reviewed research paper, academic conference poster presentation, development of an evidence-based guideline, and a quality improvement project.
- The student must develop an abstract of the project for the College of Nursing honors repository.

**Students are expected to meet regularly with faculty mentor for guidance on their Honors project.**

**The student must maintain a minimum 3.5 nursing and a 3.5 UI cumulative GPA through the final semester in order to graduate with Honors in Nursing**

## **Mentor**

The student will solicit a mentor who matches their area of interest. The Honors advisor is available to help guide the student regarding faculty who might be good mentor matches.

## **Application**

To apply for Nursing Honors, please complete the [application](#) and submit with a completed transcript release form to [nursing-honors@uiowa.edu](mailto:nursing-honors@uiowa.edu).

APPLICATION DEADLINES

December 10 for spring enrollment

May 10 for fall enrollment

## **Questions**

The Honors advisor, Dr. Ruth E. Grossmann, invites students to explore the program and is available for either individual or group appointments. Dr. Grossmann can share examples of Honors projects that have been completed, discuss ways that clinical/career interests may be developed into Honors work, and guide students interested in research to active research faculty members in the student's area of interest.

**To schedule an appointment with the Honors advisor, email Dr. Ruth E. Grossmann ([ruth-grossmann@uiowa.edu](mailto:ruth-grossmann@uiowa.edu))**