

GUIDELINES FOR UNDERGRADUATE NURSING HONORS PROJECT

The Undergraduate Nursing Honors Project is completed under the supervision of a faculty mentor and should be focused on research, ethics, or leadership. Since most projects will involve human subjects, you will need to obtain approval from the University Institutional Review Board (IRB) prior to the start of your research. Information about the process to obtain IRB approval is available at <https://research.utexas.edu/ors/human-subjects/>. Your faculty mentor will assist you in the process of obtaining IRB approval.

Students should begin their honors projects prior to the start of upper division. In order to allot adequate time to the honors project, students are encouraged to sign up for an independent study with their faculty mentor. A three credit hour independent study (N337) may be used to satisfy the nursing elective degree requirement. You should plan to meet with your faculty mentor regularly to discuss your progress. Faculty mentors will provide guidance throughout your project and constructive criticism of your paper and presentation. Students must complete **all** honors program requirements by the end of their first semester of the senior year.

PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must present their Undergraduate Nursing Honors Project in either a poster format or as an oral presentation. You may present your project at a pre-existing event (i.e., local, state or regional research conference) or at a venue developed especially to showcase the honors projects. Your faculty mentor will provide feedback to you to ensure that you are adequately prepared for your presentation. You should expect to answer questions from the audience about your project.

*Adapted from the Senior Thesis Manual for Plan II Honors Program at the University of Texas at Austin.