PURPOSE

The purpose of the College of Nursing (CON) Honors Program is to provide an opportunity for Nursing students to increase the depth and breadth of the undergraduate program of study by engaging in a goal-directed learning plan that includes independent discovery and analysis and the application of theoretical knowledge to the practice of nursing.

The Honors Program allows students to explore specialized areas of study, participate in research, and develop more collegial relationships with classroom and clinical instructors.

ELIGIBILITY AND CONTINUED PARTICIPATION

College of Nursing Honors students begin prerequisite Honors courses in the freshman year. Upon entering the BSN nursing major, the student must have an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher and interview with the CON Honors Program Director to plan additional Honors activities. After this interview, the CON Honors Committee approves the student for continued participation in CON and University Honors.

To maintain good standing in Honors, students must achieve a 3.3 overall GPA and minimum of 3.5 GPA in nursing coursework. If the student is unable to do so, they will not be allowed to continue in the Honors Program. Students must meet with the CON Honors Director whenever the GPA falls below 3.5.

REQUIRED UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM COURSES

All CON Honors students must take the following HON courses for a total of 15 credit hours.

- HON 1010 Readings Conference I (3 credit hrs.)
- HON 1020 Readings Conference II (3 credit hrs.)
- HON 2020 Multicultural Literatures: The North American Experience (3 credit hrs.)
- HON 2030 Multicultural Literatures: The Non-European World (3 credit hrs.)
- HON 4950 or HON4960 Honors Interdisciplinary Seminar [only one required] (3 credit hrs.)

CRITERIA FOR GRADUATION WITH COLLEGE OF NURSING HONORS

Honors students are required to take their Nursing Honors courses from more than one professor. Nursing Honors courses must be graded rather than Pass/Fail.

The student’s program of study is designed by the CON Honors Director and the student to focus on a particular area of interest. Successful completion of Nursing Honors Courses and/or Honors Sections includes a total of at least ten (10) credit hours. Courses may include any 3000 or above level nursing course.

NOTE—for a College of Nursing Honors student to graduate with University Honors and receive the HONORS MEDALLION, a total of 33 Honors credits must be attained through a combination of CON and University Honors credit hours.

OTHER HONORS COURSE OPTIONS

Honors Independent Studies

Honors Independent Study courses are designed by the student and faculty member when the student is interested in pursuing a subject in which there are no courses available. These courses of study give the student an opportunity to pursue a topic in depth and to develop a close working relationship with the faculty member.

Honors Learning Contract Courses

Honors Learning Contract courses are regular courses that are designated Honors through a contract between the student and instructor. Typically students do specialized work, self-directed learning, and/or classroom and public presentations. The guidelines for Honors Learning Contract are under the subheading “Course Offerings” at the Honors Program website http://www.utoledo.edu/Honors

Honors Research Project

This requirement is fulfilled while the student is enrolled in independent study or an Honors seminar within the College of Nursing. The project is intended to provide an opportunity to become involved with various phases of the research process. The project may be a part of a larger study already in progress (by faculty or other health care researcher) and should reflect the student’s particular area of interest.

The Honors Research project is designed and implemented by the student, with guidance and approval from the faculty advisor and/or clinical project director. Specific guidelines are available for the Honors Project from the College of Nursing program director.
THE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors program is designed for highly motivated and academically talented students in all of the baccalaureate colleges. While it is designed for direct from high school students, transfer students may also be considered for admission by applying to the program director. Admission is competitive and based on:

1. High School GPA
2. ACT or SAT scores
3. An application essay
4. An extracurricular activities resume
5. References

Students entering directly from high school with the following scores are encouraged to apply: **3.75 GPA and an ACT Composite of 28 or SAT of 1260.** Highly motivated students with a **3.5 GPA and an ACT Composite of 25 or an SAT Composite of 1140** will also be considered for entrance.

All admissions to the University and College of Nursing Honors Programs are granted on a space available basis.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Contact the University Honors Program at 419.530.6030 or Email: honors@utoledo.edu
Website: http://www.honors.utoledo.edu

Applications to the University Honors Program are located at the above website under the subheading “Application.”

This brochure is available in alternative format upon request. Please contact the Office of Student Services at 419-383-5810 to make a request. Requests may also be emailed to bridget.irmen@utoledo.edu or faxed to 419-383-5894. Advanced notice is required in order for the material to be available at the event. The amount of time varies on format requested and length of the material, so please call as far ahead as possible.

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