DEPARTMENTAL HONORS in NURSING

Departmental Honors offers distinction to the best students in the major. This program recognizes accomplishments in the following three areas: scholarship, leadership, and professionalism.

Departmental Honors Requirements:

- Maintain cumulative (overall) GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Obtain a final grade of “A” or “A-” in all nursing course work.
- Complete Progression Honors Work requirements (prior to registering for NRSG 4840 “Honors Seminar in Nursing”), and obtain approval of completed work by an honors advisor. Progression honors work should advance and/or complement the capstone honors project (completed in NRSG 4840).
  - First semester BSN courses – Complete “Progression Honors” work (in Canvas)
  - Second semester BSN course work – Register for NRSG 4840 and complete capstone honors project.
- NRSG 4840 “Honors Seminar in Nursing” must be taken the semester the student intends to graduate. This is usually the second semester of BSN coursework, but may be different for part-time students. The focus of this course is to complete the capstone honors project (initiated during progression honors work).
- Students must earn an “A” grade in NRSG 4840 to qualify to graduate with Departmental Honors in Nursing.
- **Required:** Attend Nursing Honors Orientation with the School of Nursing Honors Chair (London Draper Lowe) upon first entering the BSN program (during BSN orientation) and declare intent to obtain departmental honors.
  - Complete and submit Progression Honors contracts during orientation.
- Submit application for acceptance into the WSU Honors program (during orientation).
- Identify an honors track – (choose one): Service-Learning Track, Scholarly Paper Track, or Research/Evidence-Based Practice Track.
  - Submit abstract/outline of proposed capstone honors project (“Deciding on an Honors Project”) during Progression Honors work.
- Maintain honors expectations in academic, professional, and student conduct. See WSU School of Nursing Student Handbook.
- Presentation of Honor Projects:
  - All students will present their projects to a community audience in some manner as a requirement for NRSG 4840. Most students will prepare a poster presentation for the Honors Nye Banquet.
  - If applicable, honors students may choose to enter their projects in the WSU Undergraduate Research Conference held each spring on campus. Winners in the competition receive cash awards and may advance to a National competition.
  - Honors students may choose to submit their projects to “Ergo” - WSU Undergraduate Research Journal. [http://weber.edu/OUR/ergo](http://weber.edu/OUR/ergo)

Students who have not completed their General Education requirements are encouraged to take Honors General Education classes.
Applying for Departmental Honors:

- Download and complete the Departmental Honors Application, available on the WSU Honors webpage, weber.edu/honors/forms.html. Take completed application to BSN Orientation (as noted above).
- **For Nursing:** Students must be formally admitted into the baccalaureate nursing program to begin Departmental Honors work. Meet with the Nursing Departmental Honors Advisor, during BSN orientation. Your application will be reviewed and signed at that time.
- Submit the completed application to the Honors Program Advisor, who is located in LI 324. You will receive notification confirming your acceptance into the program.
- **Note:** you must be admitted into Departmental Honors at least *one semester* before graduating.

Applying for Graduation with Departmental Honors:

- Early in the semester of anticipated graduation, download and complete the Departmental Honors Exit Application, found on the WSU Honors webpage, weber.edu/honors/forms.html.
- Meet with the Nursing Departmental Honors Advisor who will review and sign off on your application.
- Submit the signed form to the Honors Program Advisor, who will clear you for graduation with Departmental Honors. You must still apply for graduation through the Graduation Office.
- **Note:** the Exit Application must be submitted prior to fall break for fall graduation and prior to spring break for spring graduation.

Recognition Through Departmental Honors:

- Your transcript and degree diploma will be printed with the distinction, “Departmental Honors in Nursing;”
- You will receive an invitation to all Honors Program social and educational events;
- You will receive an invitation to the Honors Nye Banquet when you graduate.