

NURS 498H: HONORS IN NURSING

An honors project is required for a student to graduate with “Honors in Nursing”. Intent to develop an honors project must be declared prior to the beginning of the senior S1 year. The student works with a nursing faculty mentor to develop the project proposal. The project is completed during the final semester of the senior S2 year and presented at a Wegmans School of Nursing Colloquium. The faculty mentor and the Wegmans School of Nursing Undergraduate Chair must approve the completed project before the faculty votes to confer honors.

The *Independent Study/Tutorial Authorization Form* is available from the Registrar’s Office and the *Honors Project Proposal* form is available from the Undergraduate Chair.

NURS 498H: Honors Project Proposal

Credit:	Honors projects in nursing are 3 credits. The time commitment is equivalent to three hours per week/per credit throughout the 15-week semester: 135 hours for 3 credits.
Type of Projects:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In-depth library/literature review with a specific focus in nursing theory or practice. 2. Independent study of a selected nursing role (may include clinical experience). 3. Individual project, such as a(n) evidence-based practice, quality improvement, or research study designed to meet specific learning outcomes.
Eligibility:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completion of 28 hours of nursing coursework (12 hours for RN/ BS students.) 2. Overall GPA and Nursing GPA of 3.5 or higher 3. Completion of a minimum of 60 credits at St John Fisher College by graduation (SJFC policy).
Procedure & Deadlines:	<p><u>Prior to the start of the senior S1 year:</u> Meet with the Undergraduate Chair to begin the process and fill out the <i>Independent Study/Tutorial Authorization Form</i> form and collaborate with the Chair to identify a Wegmans School of Nursing faculty mentor to work with the student to complete the honors project.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>At the start of the senior S1 year:</u> The WSON Undergraduate Chairperson will inform the student regarding acceptance of her/his intent to pursue the Honors in Nursing Program. 2. <u>By the 6th week of the first semester of senior S1 year (October 15 or March 1):</u> the student submits the completed <i>Honors Project Proposal</i> developed with the faculty mentor (see below). 3. <u>By pre-registration for the final semester of senior S2</u>

	<p><u>year</u>: The faculty mentor, WSON Chairperson, and Dean finalize approval of the proposal and sign off on the <i>Independent Study/Tutorial Authorization Form</i> and <i>Honors Project Proposal</i> form. These forms are sent by the Undergraduate Chair to the Registrar’s Office for the student to be registered in the course and a copy of the proposal goes to the Provost’s Office.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The Registrar registers the student for NURS 498H in the final S2 semester. 5. <u>By the 13th week of the final semester</u>: The project activities and paper are completed and submitted to the faculty mentor and Undergraduate Chair. 6. The faculty mentor and the WSON Undergraduate Chairperson determine final approval of the completed project. 7. <u>The week the senior preceptorship is completed</u>: The project is presented in a WSON Colloquium.
<p>Proposal Guidelines:</p>	<p>The proposal will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Goal of the honors project with rationale. 2. Learning outcomes 3. Activities to meet outcomes with time (hour) estimates. 4. If relevant: Site and name/credentials of preceptor (if determined) for clinical experiences. 5. Timeline including due dates for evaluation and monthly (minimum) conferences with faculty mentor. 6. Evaluation plan with grade % for each method (e.g. may include papers, presentations, report of project, reflective journal, clinical evaluation tool).
<p>Criteria for Evaluation:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learning outcomes achieved. 2. Due dates on timeline met. 3. 135 hours accounted for per proposal. 4. Quality of written work: concise, grammar and spelling, organization, quality of references, APA format. 5. Quality of oral presentation: use of technology, engagement and presentation skills. 6. “Honors in Nursing” are conferred by a vote of the nursing faculty to graduating students who have achieved academic distinction and have successfully completed a Nursing Honors Project.

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St. John Fisher College
Nursing Honors Project Proposal
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Student Name: _____

Faculty Mentor: _____

Anticipated Completion Date: _____

Project Goal and Rationale (describe the overall goal for the project):

<p style="text-align: center;">Learning Outcomes (List 4 to 5 learning outcomes for the project)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Description of Project Activities/Assignments (Identify the activities/assignments that will meet the associated learning outcome, e.g. may include papers, presentations, report of project, reflective journal, clinical evaluation tool, meetings)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Evaluation Plan: Percent of 100% for Grading</p>
		<p style="text-align: center;">Final Grade:</p>

Action Plan:

Description of Project Activities/Assignments (Identify the due dates and estimated time for the project activities/assignments, note the completed dates and time involved for each of the project activities/assignments)	Due Dates	Completion Date	Estimated Time	Time Completed
			Must Total 135 Hours	Must Total 135 Hours

Approvals:

Faculty Mentor: _____ Date: _____

Undergraduate Chair: _____ Date: _____

Dean: _____ Date: _____

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