

Pittsburg State University
Irene Ransom Bradley School of Nursing
Criteria for Academic Honors Projects

Honors course work in the School of Nursing may take the form of one or more of the following. In all cases, requirements to take a nursing course for academic honors are to be above and beyond the normal course expectations and assignments.

- Write a paper based on research using peer-reviewed journals and professional resources. A bibliography is required. The topic is to be related to course content and should be discussed with the faculty member. The student should pursue an area of his or her interest. Since there is the potential that a student could take a course for honors that may vary from 2-7 hours of credit, the body of the paper should vary in length based on the course credit hours. Likewise, the number of peer-reviewed journals and professional resources may vary depending on the hours of course credit and the topic. Five or more peer-reviewed journals or professional resources are required at the discretion of the faculty.

If the course is for 2 credit hours, the expectation is a paper of 6 pages of content.

If the course is for 3 credit hours, the expectation is a paper of 9 pages of content.

If the course is for 4 credit hours, the expectation is a paper of 12 pages of content.

If the course is for 5 credit hours, the expectation is a paper of 15 pages of content.

If the course is for 6 credit hours, the expectation is a paper of 18 pages of content.

If the course is for 7 credit hours, the expectation is a paper of 21 pages of content.

- Make a class or public presentation on a topic which involves considerable research and preparation. A print out of the PowerPoint slides and a paper summarizing the presentation is required.

If the course is for 2 credit hours, the expectation is a presentation of at least 15 minutes, 15 slides and 2 pages of content.

If the course is for 3 credit hours, the expectation is a presentation of at least 20-21 minutes, 20-21 slides and 3 pages of content.

If the course is for 4 credit hours, the expectation is a presentation of at least 27-28 minutes, 27-28 slides and 4 pages of content.

If the course is for 5 credit hours, the expectation is a presentation of at least 34-35 minutes, 34-35 slides and 5 pages of content.

If the course is for 6 credit hours, the expectation is a presentation of at least 41-42 minutes, 41-42 slides and 6 pages of content.

If the course is for 7 credit hours, the expectation is a presentation of at least 48-49 minutes, 48-49 slides and 7 pages of content.

- Engage in a research project on a topic related to course content in cooperation with the faculty. The scope of the project should be adjusted according to the number of course credit hours. Details of student responsibilities in the research process must be provided in the Departmental Academic Honors Application. Written documentation of the research project is an expectation at the conclusion of the semester.

Written documentation of research and all written reports are to be reviewed by the Writing Center or submitted to Turnitin based on faculty preference.

The application for Academic Honors needs to be complete with specific information on the topic, the number of pages or slides or other details, the number and type of references, as well as the explanation as to why this project is more than the regular course requirements. Additional information regarding the criteria and the application form may be found at <http://www.pittstate.edu/office/registrar/departamental-academic-honors.dot>