

# Honors College – College of Nursing and Health Innovation

Honors students are required to earn 18 Honors points, plus complete a Capstone Project to receive an Honors Degree.

**Honors Points** – Points are earned through a combination of Courses and Experiences

## Course Points Required: 15 (5 classes)

Students earn course points by enrolling in Honors-designated or cross-listed classes or *contracting existing courses*. Less common ways to earn Honors course points are through Honors transfer hours from other universities, graduate courses, and independent study courses. Students should talk these options over with their Honors advisor.

Students earn 3 course points per class. Points will only be awarded for grades of A or B. Honors eligibility cannot be based on grade alone; courses must include an Honors component.

**Eligible Courses** (course points cannot be earned for the Capstone Project):

- **Core** - Earn at least 12 Points from NURS courses. This must include NURS 3321 during the Junior II semester and can include NURS courses taken before officially entering the Nursing program. NURS 3364 and NURS 3309 are NOT eligible to contract for Honors credit.
- **Other** – Earn up to 3 Points from any course, in or out of the academic major.

## Experience Points Required: 3 (2 to 6 experiences)

Students may participate in co-curricular experiences to earn Honors Points. Experiences are assigned a point value based on duration and/or rigor. Most unique experiences may be used only one time. Points for Honors College involvement (HCC officer, Advocate, Programming Board, *Veneratio* Newsletter staff) are available to all students, regardless of major. Students must submit their proposed experience points through a verification form.

### Honors Experiences

- (0.5) Honors College involvement
- (0.5) Additional (3) Honors events, above Registration Rewards requirements
- (1.5) 3hrs of Honors transfer credits from another university/college
- (1.5) Additional designated, cross-listed or contracted Honors course – can use twice

### Leadership Experiences

- (0.5) Campus Leadership (Student government officer)
- (0.5) Student Organization Officer
- (0.5) Departmental/College Ambassador
- (0.5) Conference Organizer

### Instructional Experiences (per semester)

- (0.5) Tutoring through an official UTA department or organization
- (0.5) Peer mentor
- (0.5) PALS
- (0.5) Supplemental Instruction
- (0.5) Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

### MISC

- (0.5) AP Score of 5 or IB Score of 7

### Research Experiences (Fall, Spring or Long Summer semester)

- (0.5-1.0) Undergraduate Research (not for Capstone)
- (0.5-1.0) Undergraduate Research Fellowship (Honors College)
- (1.0) McNair Scholars Program
- (1.0) Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Part
- (0.5) On-Campus Research Assistant
- (0.5-1.0) Off-Campus Research Program
- (1.0) Joint Admission Medical Program

### Cultural Experiences

- (0.5-1.0) Study abroad (UTA sponsored)
- (0.5-1.0) Service abroad (UTA sponsored)

### Professional Experiences (Fall, Spring or Long Summer semester) (Most available J1 or later and all require PRIOR approval)

- (0.5-1.0) Internships related to major
- Work experiences as related to major
- (0.5-1.0) Job shadowing as related to major
- (1.0) Archer Fellows Program
- (0.5-1.0) Co-ops related to major
- (0.5) Presentation at a professional conf
- (1.0) Publication in a peer-reviewed journal

## **Capstone Project**

In addition to earning the required number of Honors Points, students will complete a Capstone Project to receive an Honors Degree. Courses taken for Honors Course points may not be used for the Capstone project. Although not all students will be required to write a thesis, all students will be required to produce a deliverable. Students must submit an Honors College proposal and their final project to the Honors College for approval by the published deadline. Students will present their Capstone Project at an Honors Symposium in either an oral or poster presentation.

There are three options for the Capstone Project in the College of Nursing and Health Innovation:

### **Research**

- Traditional Honors thesis; research conducted under the mentorship of a faculty mentor

### **Professional**

- Project developed through completing an off-campus faculty-mentored internship, co-op or practicum

### **Service**

- Project developed through service learning

## **Recap - Honors Degree Requirements:**

To graduate with an Honors degree, students must complete the degree requirements for their major, maintain a cumulative 3.2 UTA GPA, be a member of the Honors College in good standing, earn a minimum of 18 Honors Points, and complete and present a Capstone Project.