Introduction

The BS Honors Program of the University of Colorado, College of Nursing provides an opportunity for applicants to request Honors status. Students who are selected for the Honors program will take an additional six credits of electives, above and beyond the Traditional Pathway baccalaureate requirements. These credits focus on research and scholarship. Note that Honors Program students are responsible for covering the first semester of additional tuition costs associated with the program; after the first semester, additional tuition costs for the program are covered by the College of Nursing.

A benefit for the Nursing honors students is the individualized mentorship in scholarly inquiry, the chance to apply critical thinking skills to the development of a testable research hypothesis, and the opportunity to develop and refine writing and speaking skills.

Typically, there are up to five honors spots designated in each admission cohort for the BS Traditional Pathway.

Eligibility

To be considered for the nursing honors program you must meet the following criteria:

1. Apply for admission to the UC College of Nursing program (Traditional Pathway) and meet admission requirements for acceptance in the nursing program.

2. Complete and submit the Nursing Honors Admission Packet to the College of Nursing Admissions office.
    a. The Nursing Honors Admission Application
    b. Attach a 1-page resume or curriculum vitae that includes all pertinent activities and affiliations in which you are currently active or have been active during the past 3 years. Include positions held, dates, publications, honors, extracurricular activities, volunteer activities and areas of research if applicable.
    c. Honors Program Student Questionnaire
    d. Submit two recommendations using the forms provided. The recommendation should come from a faculty from your last educational experience or a supervisor from a recent research experience.
    e. Honors Essay: a 500 word essay describing:
        i. Why you believe you should be selected for the honors track
        ii. What areas of research are you interested in studying?
        iii. What personal strengths or characteristics do you possess that you believe will facilitate your research interests?
        iv. How you expect to benefit from participation in the program?
        v. How the honors program might influence your career trajectory?
    The honors essay will be evaluated on content, presentation and grammar.

3. Participate in an interview. You will be contacted to schedule an interview after all other requirements have been met.

-Keep this cover sheet for your records-

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Complete the information below and mail this page, along with your two completed recommendation forms to University of Colorado, College of Nursing Admissions Office. Keep the cover page of this packet for future reference. If you have any questions about the Nursing Honors Admission Application contact the Coordinator of the Honors Program, Madalynn Neu, PhD, RN at madalynn.neu@cuanschutz.edu.

_____   _____
Last Name   First Name   Middle Initial   Student ID Number (if known)

_____   _____
Permanent/Home Address   Home Phone

_____   _____
City   State   Zip Code   Cell Phone

_____
E-mail

Essay

In a 500 word essay tell us:
  Why you believe you should be selected for the honors track
  Your area(s) of interest in research
  What personal strengths or characteristics do you possess that you believe will facilitate your research interests?
  How you expect to benefit from participation in the program
  How the honors program might influence your career trajectory

The honors essay will be evaluated on content, presentation and grammar. Attach additional page(s) if necessary.

Student Release

Members of the Nursing Honors Admission Committee, as part of the normal evaluation process, will review your admission application, essay, and recommendation forms. In addition, they will review your educational transcripts.

I hereby give my permission to the Nursing Honors Admission Committee to review all components of my application

_____   _____
Student Signature   Date

Submit the scanned Nursing Honors Admission Application and two Recommendation Forms to the Office of Admissions and Student Affairs at nursing.admissions@cuanschutz.edu.

Honors Program Student Questionnaire

Circle the number that is most true of you. There are no right/wrong answers or trick questions; answer honestly.
Complete and include this questionnaire in your BS Honors admission application materials.

Characteristics	Not at all true of me						Very true of me
1. I would prefer complex to simple problems	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2. I'm considered exceptionally or unusually intelligent	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3. I use difficult words	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4. I have a rich vocabulary	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5. I am quick to understand things	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6. I have difficulty at understanding abstract ideas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7. I am often able to see the "big picture" where others can't	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8. I am flexible in my thinking	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9. I'm able to grasp new ideas with ease	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10. When someone asks me to solve a difficult problem, I can usually find creative solutions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
11. I like studying various subjects from different perspectives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
12. I enjoy putting forward unconventional ideas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
13. I am imaginative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
14. I am innovative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
15. I show initiative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
16. I am full of ideas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
17. I am thrilled when I learn something new	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18. I look forward to the opportunity to learn and grow	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
19. I want to learn as much as possible	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
20. I desire to completely master the subject of my study	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
21. I am a true life-long learner	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
22. I don't like to learn new things	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
23. It's important for me to do better than other students	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
24. It is important to me to do well, compared to other students	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
25. My goal is to get a better grade than most of the other students	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
26. I don't quit a task before it is finished	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
27. I finish things despite obstacles in the way	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
28. I am a hard worker	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
29. I am a goal-oriented person	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
30. I do not tend to stick with what I decide to do	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
31. I don't finish what I start	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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Nursing Honors Admission Recommendation Form

Instructions to Student

Complete the information below before passing form to recommender.*

Student Information

_____

Student Name

_____

Student email

*Selecting Your Recommender

Please give one of these forms to each of two recommenders. Recommenders must be faculty/teacher from your last educational experience or a research supervisor.

Instructions to the Recommender

The applicant named above has chosen you as one of two individuals who will serve as a recommender for his/her nursing honors application. If you don't know the applicant well enough to serve in this capacity, please notify the student immediately so another recommender may be chosen.

Complete sections A,B, C, D, and E of the recommendation form. Enclose the completed form with your signature on it, and return to the applicant. The applicant will turn in the completed recommendation forms with their Nursing BS Honors Admission Application materials.

Part A. Length of Time
I have known the applicant for _____ months/years as ☐ faculty, ☐ research supervisor, or ☐ other (please specify) _____.

Part B. Characteristics of the Applicant
Circle the rating that best applies.

Characteristics	Highest Rating				Lowest Rating
Dependability (Completion of assigned duties)	5	4	3	2	1
Motivation for Success (Drive/desire to finish what is started)	5	4	3	2	1
Attendance and Punctuality	5	4	3	2	1
Ability to Set Priorities (Plan and use time wisely)	5	4	3	2	1
Willingness to Work Beyond Ordinary Requirements	5	4	3	2	1
Ability to Work Well with Others (Could be considered a team player)	5	4	3	2	1
Attitude/Outlook (Receptive to suggestions, enthusiastic, does not complain regularly)	5	4	3	2	1

Characteristics	Highest Rating				Lowest Rating
Quality of Performance (Accuracy, neatness, thoroughness)	5	4	3	2	1
Depth of Commitment (Evidence that s/he investigated career choice)	5	4	3	2	1
Success in Chosen Field (Probability of success in nursing and research)	5	4	3	2	1

Part C. Descriptors
List several adjectives that describe the student applicant.

_____   _____   _____

Part D. Comment/Explanations
Please use this space for additional comments or information that might be helpful to the Nursing Honors Admission Committee as it tries to get to know and assess this applicant.

Part E. Recommender Information

_____

Recommender's Name (Printed)

_____

Recommender's Signature

_____

Recommender's Signature

_____

E-mail

_____

Title/Position/Organization

_____

Street Address

_____

City   State   Zip Code