

## DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**ADDITION OF A NURSING HONORS PROGRAM IN  
THE SCHOOL OF NURSING CHAPTER OF  
THE *UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG*, 2008-2010**

Dean Dolores Sands of the School of Nursing has filed with the secretary of the Faculty Council the following addition of a nursing honors program in the School of Nursing chapter in the *Undergraduate Catalog*, 2008-2010. The secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of exclusive application and primary interest to a single college or school.

The proposal has been reviewed by the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost. The authority to grant final approval on behalf of the General Faculty resides with the Faculty Council. The Office of the Registrar and the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost will determine the final wording for the *Undergraduate Catalog* after the proposal has been approved by the Faculty Council.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by noon on March 23, 2007.

Sue Alexander Greninger, Secretary  
The Faculty Council

This legislation was posted on the Faculty Council Web site (<http://www.utexas.edu/faculty/council/>) on March 14, 2007. Paper copies are available on request from the Office of the General Faculty, WMB 2.102, F9500.

**Proposed changes to Degree Programs in the *Undergraduate Catalog***

**Explain change(s) to degree program:**

Add an Undergraduate Nursing Honors Program. The text below will appear in the catalog.

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Requirements for completing the Nursing Honors Program are: completion of Nursing 117H, N264H, N311H, and N377H and completion of an honor's project prior to graduation with a focus in research, ethics, or leadership. These honor's sections will provide honor's program students with an enhanced mentorship experience. The statement "Special Honors in Nursing" will appear on the transcript of each graduate certified to have completed the honors program.

Indicate pages and chapter in the *Undergraduate Catalog* where changes will be made.  
p. 530, School of Nursing

**Detailed Rationale for change(s):**

This Nursing Honors Program will recruit high achieving undergraduates early in their collegiate career and provide mentorship in research and scholarship. The Honors Program will likely increase students' ability to use evidenced based practice, recruit top students into graduate studies (e.g., BSN-PhD program), and potentially address the nursing faculty shortage by exposing students to academic careers.

**Scope of the proposed change(s):**

Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools? (Please answer yes or no.) No  
If yes, then how?

Has the other college(s)/school(s) affected agreed to the proposed changed? (Please answer yes or no.) N/A

Date of approval:

Approved by:

Will this proposal change the number of required hours for degree completion? (Please answer yes or no) No  
If yes, please explain.

**College/School Approval Dates:**

Departmental level approval date:

College/School level approval date: May 4, 2006

Dean approval date: May 4, 2006

**Proposed Wording****UNDERGRADUATE NURSING HONORS PROGRAM**

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