

## Department of Health Sciences

### Departmental Honors

The Department of Health Sciences offers qualified students the challenge and distinction of earning Departmental Honors through approved course work. Students completing the department's requirements will receive an Honors degree in Health Sciences which will be indicated on the official transcript and diploma upon conferral.

#### Admission Requirements

To be considered for HSC Departmental Honors, the candidate must:

1. be a declared major in Clinical Laboratory Science, Environmental Health, Health Education, Health Information Management, or Safety
2. have established and maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 and a major GPA of at least 3.5
3. have completed at least 30 credit hours
4. be a member of the University Honors Program
5. complete an orientation and planning meeting with the Departmental Honors Coordinator in Health Sciences

#### Program Requirements

To graduate with Departmental Honors, the Health Sciences student must complete the following, in addition to all graduation requirements:

1. cumulative GPA of 3.5
2. major GPA of 3.5
3. 12 credit hours of honors work in Health Sciences distributed among at least two of the following options:
  - a. Honors Undergraduate Research (IDS 285 or 286)
  - b. Honors Independent Study (HSC 299)
  - c. Honors Undergraduate Teaching Assistant (HSC 291)
  - d. In-course Honors

Students will initiate honors projects with faculty. For in-course honors, the student and faculty member will work together to propose modification in the course requirements that will demonstrate exceptional achievement.

Examples of in-course honors projects:

1. Developing a project related to course purpose and objectives
2. Critiquing agreed upon material
3. Interviewing professionals related to course substance and reporting findings
4. Completing a field trip related to course substance and reporting experience
5. Significantly increasing the depth of a standard course assignment (5 minute presentation becomes 15 minute presentation)
6. Participating in Undergraduate Research Symposium