Maximizing Undergraduate Research Outcomes Through Honors Education: A Win-Win for Faculty & Student Development

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Objectives

- Identify how nursing honors programs and teams can increase research productivity and faculty satisfaction
- Explore mechanisms for integrating honors education into professional/research goals
- Describe the value of seeking external resources or experts to address challenges to increasing research productivity
I transform the way students perceive their value, worth, position, and contribution to the profession and the health care industry through honors experiences.
Honors transforms the way nurses and faculty maximize their value, worth, position, and impact to the profession and the health care industry, within their role.
ENFLA: Experienced Nurse Leadership Academy
Why I Love Honors

Honors enables faculty to do **what we’ve always wanted to do**....those ideas that don’t necessarily fit into the curriculum or our traditional workload.

Honors provides a mechanism for **fueling our passions** through innovation, without the same level of risk, thereby **keeping us alive** in the faculty role.
What have you always wanted to do?
“I love the freedom, in the best of circumstances, to experiment with new ideas in an interdisciplinary, student-oriented, collaborative, and trusting environment. Honors is liberal learning at its best, deepest, fullest, and most complex. The best part is that disciplinary interests from across the campus take part, which makes all of the above inclusive, challenging, and infinitely rewarding.

Honors is...what we make it.”
What Can Honors Do For Me?

- Increase Productivity, Scope of Impact, & Visibility
- Symbiotic Relationships to Goal Achievement
- Efficiency: Teaching, Scholarship & Service Packaged
- New Funding Sources & Resources
- Strengthen grants – UG & Interdisciplinary pool
- Freedom/Pathway to Innovation – Bring Your Joy Back
Increase Productivity & Impact
Symbiotic Relationships
Why would I want to work with an Honors Student?

- Urgency: They Graduate
- They Get Things Done
- Valuable Perspective
- Holistic Approach
- Maximizes Your Scope of Impact
- Expand your network
- Freedom to innovate and embrace inner nerd
Increased Scope of Impact = Increased Productivity

- 9 manuscripts (students)
- 3 manuscripts (honors faculty)
- 12+ presentations
- UG & IPE = strengthens grants
- New pool of awards & funding: Honors & UG sources
End of Year 3: Honors-Only Outcomes

TEACHING
- 3 Additional Honors Courses
- Honors Faculty Designation
- CFE Fellow
- Honors Curriculum Design

SCHOLARSHIP
- 3 Honors Grants
- 3 Honors Research Awards
- 9 STTI Rising Stars
- Chancellor’s Research Scholar & Honors Scholar Awards
- Texas UG Research Day at Capitol

SERVICE
- IPE Mentoring
- Develop ENSPIRE internship
- Honors Advisory Council
- New Professional Organizations
- Research Faculty/Student Mentor
- AACN Student Policy Summit
The Power of a Diverse Team
Bring the Joy to Teaching
End of Year 2: Honors-Only Outcomes

- Ready for Promotion & Merit Compensation
- Developed interdisciplinary Multi-Campus Study Abroad Course – 3 campuses
- Teaching 4 additional Honors courses
- Honors Faculty Designation
- Honors & QEP Grant
- PI on 2 studies
- 5 manuscripts (2 course-related, 3 faculty)
- CFE Fellow
- Found Joy in Teaching Again
The Power of an Innovative Team
How Can Honors Expand My Impact?

• Leadership, Research, Scholarship & Service Bundled
• Success = Integration to Standard Practice
• Strategic Plan = More Opportunities
• Research & Scholarship Collaboration
• High Engagement = Loyalty
• Increased funding
• Magnet & Accreditation Gold Mine
• Visibility/Recognition
Strategic Partnerships: A Win-Win

Interdisciplinary Projects
Faculty Mentoring
Alumnae mentoring – New Funding Sources
Clinical & Community Partnerships
Academic-Clinical Research Partnerships
Multi-Campus & Multi-Site Research
Sustainable & Symbiotic Supply of Labor
ENSPIRE Internship

Research Internship  ➔  Transformational Internship
What have you always wanted to do?
Keys to Maximizing Your Outcomes: Win-Win

- Vision - Get Out of Your Own Way
- Get Out of Your Comfort Zone
- Strategic Planning & Alignment
- Expand Your Team & Stakeholders Perspectives
- Resources
  - Honors Leaders – Local & National
  - National Collegiate Honors Council & Council of Undergraduate Research
  - INCHES – International Nursing Consortium of Honors Educators & Scholars
  - Sigma Theta Tau International ENFLA & NFLA
Where the magic happens

Your comfort zone
ENFLA: Experienced Nurse Leadership Academy

MENTORING

Successful people never reach their goals alone.
Questions?

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Nursing honors programs promote excellence by advancing the profession through immersion in innovative opportunities that promote a culture of leadership, scholarship, and research, paving the way for doctoral education.

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