

Application and Student Selection Criteria

Honors Immersion Clinical Experience in NUTC 4020 (Synthesis Practicum)

Dear Students,

Please consider this opportunity which is ONLY available to senior traditional BSN students taking NUTC 4020 in their final spring semester.

The academic medical centers are offering an Honors- level NUTC 4020 (Synthesis Practicum) - Clinical Immersion experiences in these specialties:

1. Pediatric Nursing
2. Emergency Nursing
3. Oncology Nursing
4. Obstetrical Nursing
5. OR-surgical Services
6. Intervention Cardiology
7. Telemetry Nursing
8. Acute Neuro

The ideal student(s) should be interested in pursuing a career in these specialty areas and must meet the following academic qualifications:

All applicants must meet ALL of the following requirements from the College of Nursing:

1. **Overall cumulative GPA of at least 3.25**
2. **For Oncology, ED, Acute Neuro, Telemetry, and Intervention Cardiology nursing experiences:**
 - a) Course grade of B+ or higher in NUTC 3113, NUTC 3214 **and** NUTC 3917
 - b) Course grade of B in ALL other clinical courses
 - c) Two letters of recommendation **must** be completed by your Acute Adult and Adult II clinical faculty. If your Acute Adult clinical faculty is Dr. Ampia, your recommendations **must** be from your adult 1 and Adult 2 clinical faculty.
 - d) You must have two letters written by two different faculty members. Faculty members will need to **complete the attached recommendation form and email it back to you for inclusion in the entire application packet before submission** (Please see instructions for that later in this document)

For Pediatric & Obstetrical experiences:

- a) Course grade of B+ in Child and Family NUTC 3816 **and** NUTC 3814
- b) Course grade of B in ALL other clinical courses
- c) Two letters of recommendation. One letter **must** be completed by your Pediatric or Obstetrical nursing clinical instructor AND the other recommendation may be completed by any adult nursing clinical nursing instructor.
- d) You must have two letters written by two different faculty members. Faculty members will need to **complete the attached recommendation form and email it back to you for inclusion in the entire application packet before submission** (Please see instructions for that later in this document)

3. A brief essay that discusses:

- a) Why you are interested in the Honors Clinical Immersion Program in the specific area of interest. **Please note: The essay must not exceed 500 words.**
- a) Identifies your personal and professional learning objectives for the experience.
- b) Supports what makes you a great candidate for this experience.

4. Current Resume

Selected candidates will be interviewed by the hosting hospital nursing administration staff. The final decision is made by the hosting hospital. Once the decision has been made, selected candidates will be notified by the faculty program coordinator or the chairperson of the undergraduate department.

Expectations for the Immersion Experience:

1. Each student will complete the required NUTC 4020 clinical hours in the specialty they are accepted into, and the preceptor they work with will act as their clinical instructor in that setting at the sponsoring hospital.
2. Each student will be required to meet with their preceptor to determine their clinical schedule for the semester.
3. The student will complete all other requirements associated with NUTC 4020/4021 with his/her classmates.
4. Completion of at least the minimum 126 hours of the Practicum clinical experience must be documented in the Clinical Hours Log.
5. Each student must complete their evaluation with their preceptor and the faculty program coordinator.

If you meet the academic requirements and are interested in applying for the Honors Immersion Program, **please upload your completed application packet (one pdf file) with all required documents to the program website below not later than 11:59 pm on Friday October 23, 2026.**

The packet must include the following:

1. *Application for Honors Clinical Immersion Experience* (see attached). **This application must be signed by your advisor prior to submission.**
2. Essay (see instructions above).
3. A copy of your unofficial transcript highlighting your grades in all clinical courses.
4. Clinical faculty recommendations as described above. Faculty members should complete the *Faculty Recommendation for Senior Immersion Experience* (see attached) and send the completed recommendation to the student for inclusion in the packet.
5. Applicant's Resume
6. Any other relevant / supporting documentation.

Please Note!!!

All application materials, including faculty recommendations, must be combined into one pdf file arranged as follows: **(Please Note: Applications that do not follow the arrangement below will not be reviewed.)**

1. Application form
2. Essay (**Must not exceed 500 words**)
3. Unofficial Transcript
4. HESI scores

5. Faculty Recommendation Letters (2 from)
6. Applicant's Resume
7. Other relevant supporting materials, if any.

**College of Nursing
Undergraduate Nursing Department**

Application for Honors Clinical Immersion experience NUTC 4020: Synthesis Practicum

Name:

Address:

Email address:

Area of interest (please circle one):

Pediatric nursing Emergency nursing Oncology nursing Obstetrical nursing

Course Grades:

Course name	Grade	Semester taken
NUTC 3113 Adult Nursing I		
NUTC 3214 Adult Nursing II		
*NUTC 3917 Acute Adult		
*NUTC 3914 Maternal Newborn Nursing		
*NUTC 3916 Child and Family Nursing		
<i>*note grade up to this point in the course</i>		

HESI scores: It is known with Peds & OB applications not all students may have taken a HESI exam in their choice of immersion experience. Indicate whatever score taken thus far.

Course name	HESI scores
NUTC 3113 Adult Nursing I	
NUTC 3214 Adult Nursing II	
NUTC 3814 Maternal Newborn Nursing	
NUTC 3816 Child and Family Nursing	

Names of clinical faculty who will write letters of recommendation:

1. _____

2. _____

Name of Advisor:

Signature of Advisor:



Signature of applicant:

Date:

Faculty Recommendation for Senior Immersion Experience

Dear faculty member,

Please answer the following questions about the student as candidly as possible. Bear in mind the attitude, demeanor, behavior and growth of student during the clinical semester as you complete this questionnaire. **Include at least one strength, and one needs improvement for the student as additional information.** Once completed, please sent it to the student for inclusion in the entire application packet.

NAME OF STUDENT: _____

Criteria	Consistently (4)	Often (3)	Rarely (2)	Never (1)
Professional behavior: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrives to clinical on time, dressed and groomed appropriately, with needed resources Is self-directed, seeking learning opportunities as needed 				
Displays learning orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responds positively to constructive criticism Uses the nursing process to identify, plan, implement and revise plan of care for clients as needed 				
Teamwork: Collaborates effectively with appropriate health care providers (including faculty and peers) in planning and implementing care				
Communication: Communicates effectively with appropriate health care providers (including faculty and peers) verbally, and in writing				
Priority setting: Identifies client needs and implements plan of care based upon order of priority				
Time management: Able to complete assignment/s in a time effective manner, delegating tasks as needed to appropriate personnel				
Incorporates evidence based practice into care of client				
Is sensitive to the cultural, religious and/or spiritual needs of diverse clients				

The following must be completed:

Identify one area of strength for the student:

Identify one area needing development:

Course Number and Name: _____

Semester: (indicate fall, summer, spring and year) _____

Days late _____

Days absent _____

Additional Comments:

Faculty Name (print): _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____