

Independent Study Policy 3.14

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Independent courses in the School of Nursing (SON) are used to provide all students and faculty with the flexibility within the curriculum to explore current issues, expand their knowledge in a specialty area, and provide remediation for areas of weakness. A student may register for an independent study course if the following conditions have been met:

1. The student has contacted an instructor of the SON regarding an appropriate topic and the instructor agrees to be the student's preceptor.
2. The student, with the guidance of the instructor, has written a contract which outlines the independent study, the objectives of the study, the methods used to meet the objectives, the evaluation criteria, a tentative timeline, and the amount of course hours granted at the successful completion of the study.

PROCEDURE

1. The student wishing to register for an independent study in Nursing shall first contact an instructor within the SON. After the instructor has agreed to act as a faculty preceptor, the student will complete the Independent Study Contract.
2. The student will then obtain the instructor's signature on the form, the student will be registered for the course, and the form will be submitted to the Director of the SON for a signature. On completion of the form, it will be placed in the student's file.
3. Students will be registered for the course by the SON staff.