Eligibility Requirements for Honors Admission

1. Have been an actively enrolled student in the University of Oklahoma Norman campus Honors College upon freshman admission. Students admitted to the Honors College after the first semester of freshmen enrollment may not be considered for honors admission.
2. Prior to initial OUCN enrollment, have completed HON 2973, Perspective on the American Experience, HON 3993 Honors Colloquium, and nine additional hours of Honors Courses on the Norman Campus.
3. Be in good standing at the University of Oklahoma.
4. Have completed 24 credit hours of specific College of Nursing prerequisite courses at the Norman campus.
5. Have completed two of the four College of Nursing prerequisite science courses with at least one completed at OU Norman.
6. Must apply to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and the College of Nursing by October 15th of the year prior to program entry.
7. Traditional BSN applicants must have a 3.4 cumulative grade point average and a 3.0 pre-requisite science grade point average as of the October 15th application deadline.
8. Must earn minimum grades of C in all pre-requisites.
9. Sit for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) if English is not the applicant's first language. Prior to the application, the applicant must have earned a minimum score of 600 (paper-based), 250 (computer-based) or 100 (internet based) on the TOEFL. The results must be within a two year period.
10. If granted early admission, maintain a 3.4 overall grade point average and a 3.0 pre-requisite science grade point average prior to initial OUCN enrollment.
11. Submit official transcripts to the College of Nursing by July 1st to demonstrate completion of all required coursework.

Honors Nursing Program

2. Complete NURS 4980 - Undergraduate Mentored Honors Research
   - Two courses of NURS 4980 Undergraduate Mentored Honors Research are required to complete your Honors courses requirements.
   - The written paper (Honors Thesis) is completed as part of the NURS 4980 course requirements.

NURS 4980 Course Descriptions:

- The Fall course (3 credit hours) fulfills the Research Readings requirement by having the student pick a topic relevant to a mentor's program of research, perform a systematic search of the literature, and writing an integrative literature review. This will be the student's Honors thesis.
- The Spring course (2 credit hours) fulfills the Research Practicum requirement. Students integrate into faculty member's research team, with orientation and IRB training. Practicum experiences explore: literature, data-collection, data-entry, or analysis with mentor. Written paper submitted for Honors College requirements. Discussion groups integrate research practicum experiences, methodologies and literature. Existing faculty will serve as the student's individual mentor and supervise their research activities. A nurse scientist in the PhD program will hold discussion groups with students and mentors.

Applying for Honors Graduation

Early in the spring semester of the year the student will graduate, the student will submit a “request to graduate” form. This form is available in the main office of the OU Norman Honors College. This is in addition to any graduation paperwork completed for the OU College of Nursing.

Honors Distinctions

The Honors College's Norman Campus Office communicates directly with the OUHSC Registrar's Office to determine which students earn the degree designation. The designation cum laude requires:

1. Successful completion of the 18-23 hours of honors designated course work, including one Honors Colloquia (HON 3993),
2. Filing an honors thesis (the end result of the honors reading and research project via NURS 4980) with the Honors College's Norman Campus Office
3. Both an OU Retention GPA and a Combined Retention GPA of:
   - 3.40-3.59 for cum laude
   - 3.60-3.79 for magna cum laude
   - 3.80-4.00 for summa cum laude
4. No student subject to disciplinary sanctions for academic misconduct at the University will be graduated cum laude.