

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SCHOOL OF NURSING
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM
GRADUATE STUDIES

**Guidelines for Doctoral Level Independent Study in Nursing Practice
NUR 790**

I. General Information

- A. Independent Study in Nursing is for the purpose of allowing a student to concentrate on a selected topic of interest relevant to the program of studies.
- B. Independent Study for Nursing may be contracted for 1-9 semester hours of credit.
- C. An Independent Study in Nursing is not intended to substitute for regular course offerings and should not be used for this purpose.
- D. Prerequisite knowledge is approved by the faculty member sponsoring the Independent Study.
- E. Graduate students may not use NUR 790 Independent Study in Nursing for clinical activities and learning. Rather, students must contract for NUR 791 Independent Study in Clinical Nursing to engage in clinical learning activities in the regular clinical sequence in their practice area.

II. Student Responsibilities

- A. Contact the appropriate faculty member to serve as a sponsor for the Independent Study, preferably one semester in advance of the term registration for the Independent Study is planned.
- B. Develop an Independent Study Contract (objectives, activities planned, and evaluation criteria) and submit to the faculty sponsor for review and approval. (See attached form).
- C. Following faculty approval, submit the signed and completed contract to the Office of Student Affairs, Room 1002E, SON to obtain the call number for sponsoring faculty and the appropriate credit hours. **Only after the contract is signed by the sponsoring faculty member and received in the Office of Student Affairs can the student obtain the call number to register for the course.**
- D. Complete activities outlined in the independent study contract within the semester for which the student has registered.

III. Faculty/Sponsor Responsibilities

- A. Review the Independent Study contract and determine its appropriateness for the proposed hours of credit.
- B. Assist the student in refining the contract.
- C. Monitor the Independent Study contract and evaluate the achievement of objectives.
- D. Record the grade upon completion.

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SCHOOL OF NURSING
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM
GRADUATE STUDIES

**Independent Study in Nursing Practice
NUR 790**

Student ID or BlazerID

Student Name

Student Signature

Date

Sponsoring Faculty

Faculty Signature

Date

Collaborator (if applicable)

Contract Time Period

Credit Hours Allocated

Statement of learning objectives; be specific and state them in behavioral terms (you may use an attachment to this form).

Activities planned for meeting objectives; be specific and state in measurable terms.

Name of Collaborators (if appropriate):

Evaluation Criteria:

Criteria for Grading:

Projected Schedule:

Projected Completion Date: _____

Grade/Comments: _____
