

Honors designation in Public Health Application

1. Complete all fields below.

- To apply for the Honors designation in Public Health program, you must be a rising junior or senior and have completed a minimum of 4 (12 credit hours) PUH undergraduate courses. You must also identify a SOPH faculty (or SOPH Credential Course Instructor) mentor under whose guidance you will complete your Honors Project. This application must be approved by your chosen faculty mentor, Undergraduate Academic Advisor, and the Undergraduate Program Director. Send completed applications to your Academic Advisor.

Student name:

Blazer ID:

Address:

UAB email address:

Phone:

Major(s):

Date of Birth:

Institutional GPA:

Public Health major GPA:

Expected Graduation Date:

SOPH faculty mentor:

(must approve Honors Project)

2. In the space below, describe your post-baccalaureate educational and/or career goals, and how completing the Honors designation in Public Health will serve these goals.

3. In the space below, briefly describe your proposed Honors Project. How does this project align with your area(s) of interest in Public Health? What will your project entail/what will you do? What topic or population will you be engaging with and why? Why will this project benefit the field of Public Health? How will this project further your personal educational and career development?(Project ideas can be found at the end of this application, but you are free to select your own).

4. By signing this application, all parties approve of the Honors Project proposed above and acknowledge and agree that all requirements listed below must be completed for an Honors designation in Public Health to be awarded upon the student's graduation:

- Maintain a minimum institutional GPA of 3.0 and minimum Public Health major GPA of 3.5
- Complete 100-150 hours of service to the community, tracked in BlazerPulse (note: this total does not include hours completed in fulfillment of any required PUH course, e.g., PUH 305 or PUH 495). The number of hours required will depend on when you declare the Public Health major, with approximately 50 hours required per year in the major. These hours can take the form of a formal internship or field placement, volunteer hours at one or more community sites, participation in community-based research, etc.
- Attend at least 4 professional development opportunities offered within the School of Public Health and provide a brief reflection on each opportunity attended.
- Enroll in PUH 491: Directed Study in Public Health OR PUH 498: Undergraduate Research in Public Health for at least 1 credit hour for at least 1 semester during which you will work on your Honors Project. Either course may be enrolled in over multiple semesters, for up to a total of 6 credit hours.
- Participate in a culminating experience during which includes reflection on engagement with the community. The form of this experience is not specified but could include: a presentation at a public forum (such as the UAB Undergraduate Research Expo), participation on a student panel, production of a podcast about your service, development of an experiential essay, etc.

Student's Signature:

Date:

Faculty Mentor's Signature:

Date:

Academic Advisor's Signature:

Date:

UG Program Director's Signature:

Date:

NOTE TO FACULTY MENTOR:

Please take the time to meet with the student to discuss their proposed Honors Project. Offer support and guidance as appropriate. Ensure that you and the student agree to expectations about timelines, deliverables, etc. associated with the Honors Project. You may specify, for example, the length of written reports, quality of manuscripts, amount and depth of research expected, complexity of analysis or data interpretation, extensiveness of reach into the community, etc. Guidance on the number of hours the student is expected to spend on the Honors Project is also appropriate. You may also want to determine meeting frequency and other logistics to ensure that the student is making sufficient progress towards completion of their Project.

NOTE TO STUDENT:

It is your responsibility to discuss your Honors Project with your faculty mentor and come to a mutual agreement about the expectations for the Project. You should also develop a timeline to ensure you continue to make sufficient progress towards completion of your Project.

Project Ideas (to get you started):

1. Prepare in-depth critical paper/manuscript on topic selected by student and advised by faculty.
2. Become involved in the professor's research in a limited yet significant way.
3. Develop and deliver a school-wide seminar on a topic of your choosing.
4. Prepare a series of presentations on a topic of your choosing to be incorporated into one or more courses.
5. Design computer aids to classroom instruction or a web site if the student is proficient in this area, or design other, non-computer, innovative pedagogical tools for use in the classroom.
6. Through arrangements with schools in the area, the student could give a series of presentations on their chosen topic.
7. Attend departmental, dissertation or seminars or a conference and evaluate through discussions and/or written summaries with faculty members.
8. Prepare a creative project of some sort, such as a podcast series, video series, etc. on a topic of your choice.
9. Collect, analyze and interpret data for the purpose of writing a manuscript, delivering a poster/podium presentation at a conference, etc.
10. Work with a community partner to identify and complete a project that would be of benefit to the community partner.