



BOSTON COLLEGE

Connell School of Nursing

Procedure for Directed Independent Study in Nursing – NURS491I

Directed Independent Study in Nursing is an opportunity for a student to engage in learning activities that are of interest beyond the required nursing curriculum. Examples include research studies, literature reviews, or preparation of manuscripts for publication. In general, clinical practice projects are not allowed because the agencies have numerous contract requirements and require direct faculty supervision.

The student should first discuss project ideas with his or her faculty advisor, who can suggest possible faculty mentors. It is the student's responsibility to contact a potential faculty mentor to explore the possibilities. The faculty mentor should confer with the Nursing Department Chair prior to agreeing to supervise the student, since NURS491I adds to the workload of the faculty member. The advisor, the faculty mentor, and the Nursing Department Chair must sign this form prior to enrollment of student in the course. A copy of this signed form must be submitted to the Undergraduate Programs Office so the NURS491I section can be added to the course listings and the student can be enrolled.

NURS491I may be taken for 1-3 credits and counts as an elective. For each credit, the student should expect to work on the project a minimum of three hours per week throughout the semester. The project must be over and above other curriculum requirements and responsibilities such as those of an Undergraduate Research Fellow. NURS491I can only be taken pass/fail. There will be no letter grade given. The mentor is responsible for evaluating the project and assigning a grade at the end of the semester.

Student Name: _____

Eagle ID Number: _____

Number of credits: _____ Semester for NURS491I: _____

Signature of NURS491I Faculty: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Faculty Advisor: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Department Chair: _____ Date: _____

Attach additional sheets with the following information:

Title of project

Description of project activities

Measurable outcomes expected

Methods of evaluation

Other information required by NURS491I Faculty