

Guidelines for Independent Hours

Independent hours are a **MANDATORY** requirement for graduation from the nursing program which must be completed outside of the normal class day. Guidelines are as follows:

- The number of hours and due date will be announced each school year
- All hours must be related to the Field of Nursing
- The appropriate paperwork with valid signatures must be handed in with summary sheet
- Prior to pursuing a project, the student may check with any full-time instructor for approval
- Hours should not be limited to one specific area
- CPR will provide the student with 8 hours and a copy of card is valid proof
- Math for Meds provides independent hours and Mrs. Price will provide documentation
- Copies of Continuing Education Credits Earned are acceptable documentation
- Hours cannot be obtained at place of employment when you are being payed

The following are acceptable examples of areas of study:

- **Volunteer** work in hospitals, nursing homes, extended care facilities, transport services, food services to home. [Maximum 20 hours]
- Continuing education credits obtained via the internet; for example, Medscape [10 hours]
- Teaching health care to Community Groups such as Brownies, Girl & Boy Scouts, Senior Citizens [10 hours] **Must include teaching plan**
- Attended health related seminars/In-services held in hospitals, nursing homes, or schools [10 hours]
- Instructor approved assignments with assigned time given
- Workbooks to be assigned by the instructor [15 hours per workbook]