

**UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY**  
**COLLEGE OF NURSING**

**PROCEDURE FOR RECORDING LEARNING CONTRACT/ PROSPECTUS FOR INDEPENDENT WORK**  
**(GRADUATE STUDENTS)**

The following courses require a completed and signed learning contract to be eligible for enrollment. Each contract is term specific. NUR 767 will require a new contract each term until completion of program.

- **NUR 767 Dissertation Residency Credit.** Residency credit for dissertation research after the qualifying examination.
  - **NUR 771- Research Experience** Students work closely with a faculty research mentor to develop specific research skills by actively participating in a research study. Emphasis is placed on obtaining skills or research experiences needed to begin a sustained program of research.
  - **NUR 781 – Independent Study.** The purpose of independent study is to foster self-directed study in an area of special interest. The study focus must be applicable to nursing.
- I. Student to prepare and submit a prospectus showing:
    - A. Course number, section number, title, credit, method of grading (letter grade, pass-fail) and term offered (title should reflect the focus of the study for recording purposes).
    - B. Identification of the objectives for the semester.
    - C. Methods for achieving the objectives.
  - II. Approval of plan signed by responsible instructor and student. All NUR 767 plans must also be signed by the CON Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) for the PhD program.

Copies of the approved prospectus will be distributed as follows: one copy in student's record (Student Services Office); one copy to sponsoring instructor; one copy to the DGS; and one copy to student.
  - III. Upon receipt of approved prospectus by Student Services, Student Affairs Officer will provide override to allow student to add applicable course/section listed under name of responsible instructor, sited in II above.
  - IV. Prior to finals week for the semester, the student submits a written report of study outcomes.
  - V. Instructor will be responsible to award grade and post grade in accordance with end of term grading deadlines.

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**PhD STUDENT LEARNING CONTRACT/PROSPECTUS FORM**

(LIST only ONE course per form)

NUR 781 - INDEPENDENT STUDY

NUR 771 - RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

NUR 767 - RESEARCH RESIDENCY (Post Qualifying exam)

Course No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Section No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Credits (1-3): \_\_\_\_\_ (semester hours) Semester/year: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of grading: Letter grade (NUR 781 & 771); S or U grade (NUR 767)

Title (to reflect study focus):

OBJECTIVES TO BE MET:

METHODS FOR ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES:

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Signature of student

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Date

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Signature of faculty sponsor

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Date

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Signature of Director of Graduate Studies  
(Required for NUR 767 ONLY)

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Date

Save this form to your laptop/PC. Update, sign, SAVE and then send on to your faculty advisor for signature and those in NUR 767 Research Residency send on to the Assistant Dean for PhD Program.

Send electronic copy to [kathy.collins@uky.edu](mailto:kathy.collins@uky.edu) for course override once all required signatures have been obtained.