

HNRS-413: HONORS MEDICAL SHADOWING

Students enrolled in the Honors Medical Shadowing course will be working to deepen their understanding of health professions by extensively immersing themselves in a clinical setting as observers.

For this course, students will be required to: 1) complete all course paperwork and requirements, 2) complete their shadowing hours, 3) complete the course assignments/requirements listed on the course syllabus, 4) demonstrate professional behavior and communication at their shadowing sites.

Students may take the Honors Medical Shadowing course for 1, 2 or 3 credit hours per semester (not to exceed 6 credit hours):

- 1 credit = 42 shadowing hours
- 2 credits = 84 shadowing hours
- 3 credits = 127 shadowing hours

Students must already have a shadowing placement before they can be registered for the course (see below).

FOR STUDENTS:

Students are asked to take the initiative to secure their own shadowing placements in order to demonstrate their professional readiness. It is up to the student to determine what type of practitioner they wish to shadow, however they are encouraged to seek out practitioners in an area of their interest.

NOTE: At this time, students taking HNRS-413 may **not** shadow practitioners who work out of **Memorial Hospital** or **Three Crosses Hospital** due to strict hospital requirements. Students should be sure to find out if a physician practices at either of the two hospitals listed above before requesting to shadow them.

TIPS FOR FINDING A SHADOWING PLACEMENT:

1. Learn how to find and approach a practitioner to shadow: [How to Ask to Shadow a Doctor \(Example Scripts Included\)](#)
2. Sign up for Handshake <https://joinhandshake.com/students/> to get leads in the area
3. Search online and learn about practitioners in the area and reach out to them
4. Ask other students and professors in their home departments if they are aware of opportunities
5. Email the course instructor at honorspracticum@nmsu.edu to find out if they have any leads in their area of interest.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE COURSE:

Once the student has secured a placement, they may contact the course instructor at honorspracticum@nmsu.edu to register. They should provide the instructor with the following information:

- Their Aggie ID number
- The name of their placement site/supervising practitioner and contact information
- The amount of credit hours they wish to take (see credit hour breakdown above)
- The semester they wish to take the course (summer, fall, or spring)

NOTE: Students enrolled in HNRS-413 are **not permitted to participate in patient care**. They must be observers **ONLY** at their placement sites.

FOR PRACTITIONERS / SUPERVISORS:

The course instructor (via the student) will request the following from the practitioner during the semester.

The first week of class:

1. A signed agreement form that the student fills out and provides to their supervisor. This form allows the student and supervisor to determine what hours the student will work each week and the student's goals (what they hope to learn).

The last week of class:

2. A signed log of shadowing hours
3. Completion of a quick (10 minute) online student evaluation