



**UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
School of Nursing**

**Guidelines for Independent Study
Nursing 299/900**

Independent study opportunities in nursing are available to the self-directed, motivated student to expand his/her knowledge in an area of particular interest.

The student must plan and receive approval for the independent study project with and from a faculty preceptor during the semester before the study is to begin.

The following is recommended:

1. The student must have completed the first clinical nursing courses before entering into an independent study.
2. The independent study will be allotted one credit unit for the semester.
3. A minimum of one hour per week or 14 hours per semester will be spent with the independent study faculty advisor.

An annotated bibliography must accompany all independent study projects.

Procedure:

1. After conferring with a independent study faculty advisor, the student will complete Form I (Independent Study)
2. The proposal will be submitted to the faculty preceptor who, in turn, will seek consultation from two other faculty and return proposal to student with revisions, recommendations, or approval.
3. Copies of the approved proposal will be distributed to:

**Independent Study Faculty Advisor
Office of Student Information (for student file)
Student**

4. At the completion of the semester of independent study, Form II and the annotated bibliography will be completed by the student. Form III will be completed by the faculty advisor. Copies of these documents are to be distributed to the offices/persons mentioned above.

INDEPENDENT STUDY: FORM I

Student's Name: _____

Semester: Fall Spring Summer **Year:** _____

Faculty Advisor: _____

Title of Independent Study: _____

Course Value of Independent Study: 0.5 cu 1.0 cu

Statement of Course Objectives:

Statement of Student Behaviors to fulfill objectives:*

Method of Evaluation for fulfillment of objectives:

Signed: _____ **Date** _____
Independent Study Faculty Advisor

Signed: _____ **Date** _____
Student

***Minimum of 14 hours per semester must be spent with independent study faculty advisor. Annotated bibliography required. Paper and /project required**