**RESEARCH TRACK APPLICATION**

**Research Track for Final Year MSN Students**

The Research Track is designed to further expose current MSN students to nursing research and foster an interest in future doctoral study. This track includes a seminar in which students learn how to review the literature and develop a preliminary proposal that can be used in their application to a PhD program. All students in this track enroll in two approved graduate-level Research Seminar courses, which include a research practicum [NURS 6150](https://next.catalog.yale.edu/search/?P=NURS%206150) and [NURS 6160](https://next.catalog.yale.edu/search/?P=NURS%206160)). The seminar meets every other week for 2 hours each semester.

The course requires students to develop a research question that would potentially serve as the focus of their PhD studies if they were to apply to a PhD program after graduating with their master's degree. The assigned work throughout the two semesters is designed to support this goal.

**First Semester Assignments:**

* Midterm: Review of a conceptual framework for their research focus.
* Final: Specific aims page of a potential research proposal.

**Second Semester Assignments:**

* Midterm: Literature review.
* Final: Methodology section of a research proposal.

We will discuss students' progress on these assignments throughout the semester. The course evaluation is based on an Honors, High Pass, Pass, Fail grading system.

The research practicum allows students the opportunity to work on faculty research to gain essential research skills. This practicum involves an equivalent of 3 hours per week participating in a faculty member’s ongoing research (45 hours/semester). The faculty member will assist the student in preparing goals and objectives for the experience and meet with the student at a minimum of every two weeks for research mentoring and supervision.

Research activities may vary and can include:

* Recruitment
* Preparation of study materials
* Data collection
* Data entry and analysis
* Preparation of applications for IRB approval
* Attendance at team meetings
* Research-related poster/manuscript preparation

Research Track Faculty: [Monica Ordway, PhD, APRN, PPCNP-BC](https://nursing.yale.edu/faculty-research/faculty-directory/monica-roosa-ordway-phd-aprn-pnp-bc)

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Please submit this application to the research track coordinator, Monica Ordway, PhD, APRN, CPNP-BC (monica.ordway@yale.edu) by 11:59 pm on **April 15, 2025.**

**STUDENT SECTION**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Student E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Specialty: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Semester and Year: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Expected Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Academic Advisor: ­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Do you plan to apply to a PhD or DNP within two years of graduating from YSN (Your response will help with course planning and WILL HAVE NO bearing on the review of your application)? [ ] **Yes** [ ] **No** [ ] **Unsure**

**Student Checklist:**

[ ]  I am aware of the expectations for the Research Track and have discussed them with my Academic Advisor

[ ]  Short statement regarding goals and objectives (one page, single spaced), addressing: (1) student goals, objectives and rationale for participating in the track; (2) concrete plans for balancing the added coursework and clinical work, and (3) topic of interest for research experiences.

[ ]  Transcript – unofficial acceptable (attached)

[ ]  Signature of Academic Advisor

**Agreement:** I agree to meet each semester with Research Track Faculty and my Academic Advisor to review my progress in the Concentration as well as my overall academic performance.

**Student Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**ACADEMIC ADVISOR SECTION**

**Academic Advisor**:

I agree that this student meets criteria to elect a TRACK/FOCUS AREA and I will meet each semester to review this student’s overall academic performance.

**Comments:**

**Academic Advisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**