



The purpose of an independent study is to assist the student become a more self-directed and resourceful learner, and to engage in an educational experience that is personally satisfying and meaningful. This approach develops the ability to function as an autonomous learner and practitioner. It enables individualized integration of theories and concepts relevant to practice, fosters self-motivation for intellectual growth, and develops skills that facilitate continued learning after completion of formal education. Finally, it gives the student an opportunity to work closely with a faculty supervisor in an area of mutual interest.

Student Responsibilities

- Develop an individualized plan of study and appropriate activities
- Carry out the plan of study within the designated time frame
- Participate with the supervising faculty member in a performance evaluation

Supervising Faculty Responsibilities

- Help the student develop appropriate objectives, activities, and time frame for the independent study
- Mentor the student in conducting and completing the plan of study
- Conduct a performance evaluation with the student and assign a course grade

15 hours of independent study activity = 1 credit of classroom activity.

45 hours of independent study activity = 1 credit of clinical activity.

Instructions: Student and supervising faculty together complete all sections on both pages, sign, and date. The supervising faculty submits the completed, signed form to the assistant dean of the program for approval. The assistant dean notifies the student, faculty, and OSAS of the final decision by e-mail attaching a signed copy of this contract.

UMB ID _____ @00 _____

Term _____

Name _____

Credits _____

Study Topic _____

CRN# _____

Supervising Faculty _____

Nature of Study ☐ Theory ☐ Clinical ☐ Research



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INDEPENDENT STUDY CONTRACT

Terms of Contract (page 2/2)

Name _____ Term _____

PLAN OF STUDY

Objectives
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Requirements
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Evaluation Criteria (include percentage of grade where appropriate—total must equal 100%)
(% of grade)
(% of grade)
(% of grade)
(% of grade)
(% of grade)

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Supervising Faculty's Signature _____ Date _____

Assistant Dean's Signature _____ Date _____

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