

NHCC HONORS PROGRAM GLOSSARY

Honors: special recognition for exceptional academic achievement.

Honors Program: a program of advanced studies for exceptional students with specific entrance requirements and completion criteria in order to graduate with Honors designation.

Honors Student: in addition to being committed to academics, students may participate in volunteer work, organizations & clubs, cooperative education, research, study abroad and/or cultural activities.

Honors Program Admission: NHCC students who meet certain criteria (refer to flowchart) are invited to participate in the Honors program. Once the invitation to join has been accepted, students complete an admission application.

Honors Meet, Greet and Plan Event: a onetime Honors program orientation in which students become acclimated with Honors procedures, have an opportunity to ask questions and choose their honors path.

Honors Check In Advising: Two weeks before registration begins all honors program students will meet with an advisor to prepare for priority registration.

Honors Program Committee: volunteer faculty, staff and administrators who coordinate the honors program.

Honors Program Pledge Form: a contract completed by the student at a meet, greet and plan event.

Honors Seminar: a 1 – 2 credit course that focuses on a specific topic selected by an instructor.

Honors Option: the phrase honors option is used to denote work or experience by a student that goes beyond the scope of the course and what would normally be expected of the non-honors student in a class. Honors options are offered at the discretion of the instructor for any college level course. Faculty approval is needed to complete an Honors option and faculty determines what will constitute Honors work within their classes. In order to receive Honors recognition a student must earn an A or B in the class (final course grade will be HA or HB).

Honors Project: student projects are completed outside of a regularly scheduled class. Projects include independent research, independent creative work, and leadership experiences. Students who wish to complete projects should demonstrate leadership, project management, and reflection. All projects must have an NHCC faculty or staff as a project mentor. All projects must be approved by the Honors committee before the student begins.

Highest Honors Scholar: students complete a specific set of requirements including honor's option coursework, seminars and/or projects. Students who complete this path earn Highest Honors. Refer to flowchart.

High Honors Scholar: students complete a specific set of requirements including honors option coursework, seminars and/or projects. Students who complete this path earn High Honors. Refer to flowchart.

Honors Scholar: students complete a specific set of requirements including Honors option coursework, seminars and/or projects. Students who complete this path earn Honors. Refer to flowchart.

NHCC Scholar: students who maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 and graduate will be recognized as a NHCC Scholar (on their transcript and/or at graduation.) **Note: Students are not in the Honors Program.**

Phi Theta Kappa: the largest academic society in higher education, recognizing the academic excellence of students attending associate degree-granting colleges. Programs focus upon the Society's Hallmark of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship. Members may become active in NHCC Phi Xi chapter.