The purpose of independent study is to assist students becoming a more self-directed and resourceful learners, and to engage in a educational experience that is personally satisfying and meaningful. This approach develops the ability to function as an autonomous learner and practitioner. Independent study 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 mentor in an area of mutual interest.

Student Responsibilities

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

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 the 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 complete all sections on both pages together, 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 member, and OSAS of the final decision by email attaching a signed copy of this contract. OSAS will then enroll the student in the independent study. Final grade is due at end of term.
### PLAN OF STUDY

**Objectives**

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**Evaluation Criteria (include percentage of grade where appropriate - total must equal 100%)**

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**Student’s Signature**

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**Supervising Faculty’s Signature**

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**Assistant Dean’s Signature**

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