

History of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center (LSUHSC) School of Nursing (SON) Pin

The LSUHSC SON pin was developed in 1958 to identify the graduates of this program with both the University and the broad service area to which these graduates would contribute as professional nurses. The caduceus embedded in the floor of the lobby of the oldest building in the Louisiana State University Medical Center provided the central ideas for the design of the pin. This Assyria-Babylonian symbol represents the Greek God Hermes, who is credited by historians with performing medical functions; it consists of a wand entwined with two serpents and bordered by two griffins. A band enriches the replica of Hermes' caduceus on which the name of the University and the abbreviation for the degrees, BSN, is represented in raised Gothic letters.

Wearing the nursing pin is a source of pride; it symbolizes the right to serve others, acceptance of the responsibilities of the practice of Nursing, and the educational preparation of the wearer as graduates of this program. Pinning is a *rite of passage* that signals the transition of the student nurse to the professional nurse.

Pinning Request

The Dean will pin the BSN students with the School of Nursing Pin. The bookstore staff will notify the Assistant Dean of Student Services when the ordered pins have been received and the Assistant Dean of Student Services will pick-up the pins. The student must have an LSUHSC SON pin to request to be pinned during the ceremony. Please submit the pinning request by **March 29, 2017** (late request will not be honored).

The student may only request to be pinned by a relative, who graduated as a Registered Nurse from LSUHSC School of Nursing, at the Awards/Graduation Ceremony on **May 17, 2017**.

Name of Pinner: _____

Relationship to Graduate: _____

Is the Pinner a Graduate of LSUHSC SON? Yes: _____ No: _____

Name of Graduate: _____