DEPARTMENTAL HONORS in TEACHER EDUCATION

Departmental Honors offers distinction to the best students in a major. The goal of this program is to recognize accomplishments in three primary areas: scholarship, leadership, and professionalism.

Departmental Honors Requirements:

- Earn a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above;
- Complete four of the following options with prior written approval of the Departmental Honors Committee. You must complete a proposal that defines and articulates your plan. The proposal form is attached.
  
  Options include:
  
  - Complete at least one course offered through the Honors Program with a grade of “B+” or above;
  - Participate in a reading group by attending three or more sessions in a semester and write a reflection paper that connects the practice of teaching to themes in a featured book;
  - Complete a comprehensive literature review concerning an educational issue or concept; (Indicate the length and type of literature review you will complete on the proposal form.)
  - Complete a curriculum project beyond requirements in a course or student teaching; (Your proposal should highlight the qualitative or quantitative impact within classroom practice.)
  - Complete a volunteer project related to the teaching discipline beyond the required senior service project; (The hours for this service project should fall within the range of 20-45 hours.)
  - Develop materials for the classroom including possibly a readers’ theatre, a song book, etc.
  - Develop a skill for utilization in a classroom and document the development and implementation of that skill in practice;
  - Hold a leadership position in a student chapter of a state or national education organization for the length of an academic year;
  - Present at a research conference, including WSU’s Undergraduate Research Conference;  
  Or
  - Design a project of your own articulated on the proposal form that receives approval of the Departmental Honors Committee.

- Participate in the Honors Nye Banquet poster presentation when you graduate;

Applying for Departmental Honors:

- Download and complete the Departmental Honors Application, available on the WSU Honors webpage, weber.edu/honors/forms.html.
- Meet with the Teacher Education Departmental Honors Advisor, who will review and sign your application.
- Submit the completed application to the Honors Program Advisor, who is located in LI 324. You will receive notification confirming your acceptance into the program.
- Note: you must be admitted into Departmental Honors at least one semester before graduating.

Applying for Graduation with Departmental Honors:

- Early in the semester of anticipated graduation, download and complete the Departmental Honors Exit Application, found on the WSU Honors webpage, weber.edu/honors/forms.html.
- Meet with the Teacher Education Departmental Honors Advisor, who will review and sign off on your application.
- Submit the signed form to the Honors Program Advisor, who will clear you for graduation with Departmental Honors. You must still apply for graduation through the Graduation Office.
- Note: the Exit Application must be submitted prior to fall break for fall graduation and prior to spring break for spring graduation.
Recognition Through Departmental Honors:

- Your transcript and degree diploma will be printed with the distinction, “Departmental Honors in Teacher Education;”
- You will receive an invitation to all Honors Program social and educational events;
- You will receive an invitation to the Honors Nye Banquet when you graduate.

Proposal Form for Departmental Honors in Teacher Education

This is a template of the proposal you are required to submit. Please produce the document in Word and submit a hard copy for committee review. The following information should be included:

I. Please list the option that you are interested in pursuing.
II. Explain what you are planning to do.
III. Explain how this proposal develops your skill as a teacher.
IV. How will you measure or demonstrate completion and success?
V. What is the projected date for completion?