

Honoring Outstanding Owl Teachers

“Expanding Research and Practice to Prepare Special Educators for the Future”

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For students seeking the Bachelor’s in Exceptional Student Education, the Department of Exceptional Student Education (DESE) offers an Honors in the major, Honoring Outstanding Owl Teachers (HOOT). HOOT provides outstanding students the option to explore an expanded view of their future profession and the broader social context of their work. This program culminates with an honors designation on the students’ transcript.



Admission to the ESE Honors in the Major requires that students:

- ◆ Are eligible to enter no later than the spring of junior year;
- ◆ Are fully admitted and *programmed* in the ESE program;
- ◆ Hold a 3.2 cumulative (overall) and 3.5 or above institution (FAU) GPA;
- ◆ Application form, ESE program sheet, and a letter of recommendation from an FAU ESE faculty member.

In addition to completing the ESE program of studies, students who participate in HOOT, the ESE Honors in the Major will:

- (1) Participate in *Honors Enrichment* options each semester;
- (2) Complete the *Honors Seminar in ESE* in senior year; and,
- (3) Complete an *Honors Compact* during student teaching.

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For additional information or to obtain an application for the ESE’s Honors in the Major, contact the program coordinators, Dr. Sharon M. Darling at sdarlin4@fau.edu, Dr. Charles Dukes at cdukes@fau.edu, Dr. Lisa Finnegan at Lfinnegan@fau.edu, or visit the program’s website at: <http://coe.fau.edu/academicdepartments/ese/hoot/index.php>