

### Application for Honors in the Department of Child Development

Complete and turn this form in to the Child Development office, Modoc 216. Applications must be turned in no later than 5 p.m. on Friday of Finals Week the semester before you will be enrolling for CHLD 499H (your next to last semester before graduating). Please contact Dr. Ratekin at 530.898.5250 with any questions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address \_\_\_\_\_

Local Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Chico State email address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information if you will be away from campus during the Honors coursework period  
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The honors coursework is taken during the last two semesters of your undergraduate career. It begins in the first semester of your senior year with 3 units of independent study (CHLD 499H) with your faculty sponsor and mentor. The following semester, the second semester of your senior year, you will enroll in CHLD 495H.

Semester and year of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester you are planning on beginning your honors coursework: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: University regulations require that you must complete both semesters of Honors coursework in order to participate in commencement with honors recognition. If you participate in the Spring commencement ceremony before completing CHLD 495H in the Fall, you will be recognized for your Honors work during the next Spring commencement.

Faculty member who has agreed to be your sponsor and mentor in your honors coursework:  
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To be eligible you must have met the following criteria:

- Successful complete of 9 units of upper division coursework or 21 units in your major.
- Successful completion of CHLD 353
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.5 or placement within the top 5% of all University majors.
- GPA of at least 3.5 in Child Development coursework or placement within the top 5% of Child Development majors.
- Senior status with two semesters of undergraduate coursework remaining
- Acquisition of a faculty sponsor and mentor
- Completion and submission of the Honors in Child Development Program application
- An essay consisting of several word processed, double-spaced pages consisting of:
  - 1) An explanation of why you wish to participate in the Honors Program
  - 2) A commentary on your academic strengths and weaknesses
  - 3) A reflection of your learning experience in CHLD 353
  - 4) A discussion and explanation of at least two areas of research identified on the Faculty Research Interests list that you would be interested in pursuing, and why
  - 5) A review of an area of interest that you find particularly fascinating that is not on the faculty research list
  - 6) A description of your specific career goals