1. Emporia State University is awarded the 2002 Distinguished Research in Teacher Education Award from the Association of Teacher Educators for the Multicultural/Diversity Assessment Project.

2. Emporia State University is only one of four post-secondary institutions in the nation to be identified as an Exemplary Model Teacher Education program by Arthur Levine in his 2006 national study of teacher education programs Educating School Teachers.

3. Emporia State University is identified as one of 10 schools of education in the nation “blazing the trail to better practices” in the November 2007 issue of Edutopia, published by the George Lucas Foundation.

4. The 2008 Best Practice Award for Collaboration with Community Colleges from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education is awarded for the Emporia State University and Butler Community College collaborative partnership.

5. The 2008 Distinguished Program in Teacher Education Award from the Association of Teacher Educators is awarded to Emporia State University for the Olathe Professional Development Schools.

6. In 2009, nine of the 32 Horizon Award recipients in Kansas are Emporia State University graduates.

7. The 2009 Edward C. Pomeroy Award for Outstanding Contributions to Teacher Education Pomeroy Award from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education is awarded to Dr. Tes Mehring, former Dean and current Provost.

8. The 2009 Distinguished Clinician Award from the Association of Teacher Educators is awarded to Dee Holmes.

9. The International Reading Association awards its Certificate of Distinction to the Elementary Education Reading Program.
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One of Four National Exemplary Programs

In 2006, Arthur Levine, former president of Teachers College, Columbia University, and president of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, authored Educating School Teachers, a national study of America’s education schools. He cited four “exemplary” programs in the nation: Emporia State University, Alverno College, Stanford University, and University of Virginia. ESU is included for its curriculum, student teaching, partnerships (e.g., Professional Development Schools), and the commitment of the ESU faculty to raise the quality of the entire state education system. “ESU is the Camelot for teacher education,” Levine said during a visit to the campus.

American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

In order to enhance PK-12 student learning, 800 educator preparation programs in colleges and universities around the country have come together as members of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE).

In 2008, AACTE presented Emporia State University with the Best Practice Award for Collaboration with Community Colleges for the partnership between Emporia State and Butler Community College.

In 2009, Dr. Tes Mehring, former Dean of the Teachers College and now Provost of the university, received the Edward C. Pomeroy Award for Outstanding Contributions to Teacher Education “for distinguished service to the teacher education community and development and promotion of outstanding practices in teacher education.”

Association of Teacher Educators

The Association of Teacher Educators acknowledges the school as the principal environment for advancing effective teaching as teachers acquire new skills and practice them in the clinical setting of the classroom.

ESU received the 2002 award for Distinguished Research in Teacher Education for the Multicultural/Diversity Assessment Project, a multi-year project that developed valid assessments for measuring how well students learned multicultural/diversity content knowledge.

The award for the Distinguished Program in Teacher Education honors outstanding teacher education programs that exemplify collaboration between local education agencies and institutions of higher education. ESU received the 2008 award for its partnership with the Olathe School District in the Olathe Professional Development Schools.

The award for the Distinguished Clinician in Teacher Education honors school-based teacher educators whose work helps teachers become better at what they do. Dee Holmes received the 2009 award for university faculty. Dee is highly respected by students, faculty, mentor teachers, and principals for her diligent efforts to produce the highest quality elementary teachers.

Edutopia

The magazine Edutopia, published by the George Lucas Foundation (Lucas is the director of the Star Wars series), identified ESU as one of 10 schools of education “blazing the trail to better practices.” ESU was cited for pioneering a system of professional development programs for local school districts in Kansas, creating a university student assessment system to measure student success, and requiring pre-service teachers to complete instructional-technology courses that incorporate robotics as a useful tool for modeling teaching strategies.

International Reading Association Certificate of Distinction to the Elementary Education Reading Program

The Certificate of Distinction honors outstanding reading preparation of teachers through recognition of only those distinguished programs that consistently prepare well-qualified reading teachers who know about and use evidence-based practices. The International Reading Association developed a set of standards and a review process for the reading component of professional preparation programs for classroom teachers at both the elementary and secondary levels.

2009 Horizon Awards

Thirty-two beginning educators from around the state received a 2009 Kansas Horizon Award, sponsored by the Kansas State Department of Education. To be eligible for a Horizon Award, teachers must successfully complete their first year of teaching and distinguish themselves as outstanding. Nine of the thirty-two 2009 Horizon Award recipients are Emporia State University graduates.