

# QuickBytes

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## Teacher Education Platform

Creating the next generation of educators is hard work! There are over 100 new students per semester, 800 current students, and hundreds more that are working through the process of becoming a teacher at a slower pace. The Department of Teacher Education coordinates the on-boarding of new students, finding placements in the community for student teaching, and facilitating practicums and evaluations from supervisors; all on top of lectures, quizzes, and finals! The department had been coordinating all of this work through a home-grown system for more than ten years. However, it was time for a change and to take advantage of advances in technology. The new platform was designed from the ground up to

help improve collaboration and coordinate activities across students, mentors in K-12 schools throughout the state, and WSU Faculty and Staff.

Working together, the members of the academic department and the IT Division's Application Development department, led by the Web Team, WSU was able to create an all-new platform to facilitate all of these activities. The new platform helps to free up resources and time for the members of the Teacher Education Department so they can focus on teaching and advising, and spend less time on reporting and paperwork. The new platform is expected to serve the department's needs for many years, making the work of creating Utah's future teachers that much easier!



**Brogan Stampick**  
Advisor, Teacher Education

"The Teacher Education Platform has been a tremendous asset to the department. It has allowed us to streamline the various parts of our application process, providing a way for both students and administrators to have easy access to the information. Prior to our new platform, Advisors and Faculty had to go in and handcraft reports, look to two and three different University systems in order to get the needed information on just one student. Doing this for every applicant, each semester, was quite time consuming! Now, we are able to have student demographic, academic, and program-related information all in one location. Our wonderful Development Team was able to create a platform which pulls its information from Banner, allowing any information we would need to come through. We are so pleased to be involved with such an amazing product! Everything is clean, user-friendly, and wonderfully organized. The data pulled is accurate and reflects the information needed in order to further the success of our students. The Development Team has been essential to us in these last several months; they have been available to help with any questions, provide training, and continue to support Teacher Education as we implement the platform for the first time. Weber State University is lucky to have such incredible individuals who consistently put out quality, outstanding work."



**Kristin Hadley**  
Department Chair,  
Teacher Education

"This Teacher Education Platform has enabled us to collect and report data in a complete and cohesive manner, integrated with data already resident in Banner. The IT team has been phenomenal to work with and is responsive as issues arise with implementation. Students now have an portal to use for all Teacher Education needs. Faculty can submit and review observations. It is all included in one secure system."



**Ben Barraza**  
Senior Manager, Web  
Application Development

"Working with the Department of Teacher Education was so much fun. The professionalism and collegiality that was present throughout the project made everything flow smoothly. Importantly, from a project manager standpoint, their willingness to make tough decisions on key issues was critical in arriving at the best product possible. At no point did the development team feel like 'outsiders'; right from the get-go we were welcomed and able to roll up our sleeves and get to work. I look forward to continued collaboration as we look for ways to improve and advance the platform. This project really exemplifies Weber at its finest!"

WEBER PORTAL

### Teacher Education Portal

Applications

Help

#### Program Information

Degree Type  
Select...  
Type of License Desired  
Select...

#### Current Major

Art/General

If this is incorrect, contact the [Teacher Advisement Center](#).





# LEARNING

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**Ty Naylor**

IT Marketing and  
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Over the past five months, all Faculty and Staff at Weber State University (WSU) have had the opportunity to explore and learn on the Just-In-Time development platform called LinkedIn Learning. With access to tens of thousands of courses, in areas of productivity, creativity and even soft-skills including custom WSU specific training, we are seeing broad adoption and excitement around this pilot program.

**Pilot Update:** With access to such a broad range of training courses available on this platform, individuals and groups have begun to experiment and incorporate this tool into department and committee objectives. One group that started to test the value of this tool in the goal for student success was the digital literacy committee.

With the help of many on the committee, a grant was awarded to open incorporate the LinkedIn Learning platform into digitally enhanced Comm

1010 courses on campus. 600 students over the fall and spring semesters have been given access to powerful creative tools in the Adobe Creative Suite, with LinkedIn Learning providing supplemental and in-depth training content.

To date the students this fall have watched over 450 hours of content on LinkedIn Learning for their first assignment. The students are using the service more than just for their assignments. Over the same amount of time, the students have viewed over 5,500 different videos in subjects varying from creative writing to cultivating a growth mindset.

We are pleased with the growing use of the learning platform.

We are scheduled to meet with many deans and department heads to proactively design and deploy this tool to more individuals across campus during this pilot.



## LinkedIn Learning Pilot Statistics:

**695** WSU Faculty & Staff

**275** WSU Students

**2,009** Courses Taken

**19,050** Videos Viewed

Pilot end date: *May 30, 2019*

