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As a symbol of membership in Eta Sigma Gamma, the National Health Education Honorary, each member is presented with an Eta Sigma Gamma recognition pin which is to be worn on all professional occasions. The pin is to serve as a reminder of the pledge each member took during the initiation ceremony, to demonstrated members' pride in the Honorary and to be able to recognize other Eta Sigma Gamma members.

Recognition Pin:

The recognition pin for Eta Sigma Gamma serves as the primary symbol of the Honorary and is considered the "official means of identifying oneself with the Honorary. The triangle in this symbol represents the three areas of specific contributions of Gammans to the health education profession: service and advocacy, education, and research. The tri-dimensional concept is also embodied in a triangle surrounded by three joined circles. The triangle is divided into four equilateral triangles, each containing a symbol. A **lamp of learning** is in the center triangle, surrounded by the others containing an **open book** representing education, a **microscope** signifying research, and an **outstretched hand** representing service and advocacy. These three elements form the basic purposes of the organization and the words "teaching," "research" and "service" are recorded directly beneath each symbol. The unifying element of these basic purposes is symbolized by the lamp of learning, because it is through the learning process that each purpose is achieved. Each of the three purposes of this honor society is distinct in its operations but unified in the ultimate goal of furthering the competence and dedication among health education professionals and progress within the health education profession.

Wearing the Recognition Pin:

Generally, the recognition pin is to be worn by all members at all functions of the Honorary and other professional occasions. For members not wearing jackets the pin is to be worn over the left breast near the heart. If there is a pocket on the shirt or blouse, the bottom of the pin is to be located approximately one inch above the left hand pocket and in line with the right side of the pocket (side closest to the middle of the shirt). When members are wearing a jacket, the pin is to be worn on the left lapel, near the heart, and roughly in the middle of the label. In all situations, the pin is to be located so that the term "Teaching" in the top of the triangle will be on the top of the pin as shown in the photo below.

Note: All Eta Sigma Gamma insignia, logo and recognition pins are registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and may not be copied by anyone without written permission of the Eta Sigma Gamma National Office. All recognition pins must be procured from the

National Office of Eta Sigma Gamma. Active, local chapters may order pins to be used during initiation ceremonies. Individual, active members may purchase a replacement for a lost recognition pins from the National Office but their active membership must be verified by the National Office.



The pin is not to be worn on any other part of apparel such as the collar of a shirt, as a tie tack, on a hat or other article of clothing. Also, it is not to be displayed with any other pins or insignia. The recognition pin can be worn when members are representing the Honorary at any professional event or when attending other ceremonial occasions. The pin may not be altered by jewels, inscriptions or any other device. Jewelry such as brooches or pins may not be worn above or directly adjacent to recognition pin. The recognition pin should never be attached to a ribbon or a scarf and only worn as prescribed by Honorary.

Honor Cords

Description, The Eta Sigma Gamma National Health Education Honorary Honor Cords

One green and one gold honor cords, single twined and 30 inches in length, are tied together with one knot in the middle of the cords. The cords are worn over the gown around the neck with the knot in the middle of the back of the neck. All Gammans should wear their honor cords representing their scholastic achievements in Eta Sigma Gamma at all formal academic occasions when academic regalia are normally worn (e.g., commencements, convocations, ceremonies, etc.). Candidates for graduation, faculty, and active Honorary members participating in these formal events should also wear their Honor Cords and Recognition Pins at the ceremony. The recognition pin will be affixed to the left side of the gown, near the heart and in the same general location as when worn on a shirt (see above).