

Teacher Education Disclosure Statement

The Teachers College of Emporia State University reserves the right to refuse admission to the teacher education program to any person who has been convicted as a felon or has otherwise committed offenses inappropriate for a teacher (The Teachers College Policies and Procedures Manual, Revised June 1991).

In addition, the KSDE Certification and Teacher Education Regulations (Adopted July 1, 2003) addresses restriction on issuance and renewal of certificates, hearings upon denial; reports required of county and district attorneys. (See Statute #72: Schools, Article 13: Teacher's Certificates, Title: Restrictions on issuance and renewal of certificates, hearings upon denial, etc. For a copy of these regulations, see Dr. Sue Peterson, Chair, Disclosure Committee in Visser Hall 208, phone: 620-341-5447, email: petersos@emporia.edu.)

This statute empowers the State Board of Education to deny a teaching certificate or to cancel or revoke a certificate for several reasons:

- (1) Conviction of or a plea of guilty for violation of any law punishable as a felony including a felony under the uniform controlled substances act.
- (2) Evidence that a license holder or prospective license holder has injured the health or welfare of a child or spouse through physical or sexual abuse or exploitation.
- (3) Any applicant for teacher licensing whose certificate has been suspended, cancelled or revoked in another state shall not be eligible for licensing in Kansas, until the applicant's license is reinstated by the state in which the suspension, cancellation or revocation occurred.

The Kansas State Board of Education will consider individuals for licensure who have entered into a criminal diversion agreement(s) provided the individual has satisfied the terms and conditions of the agreement. The state board of education may consider other factors, including but not limited to:

- (1) nature and seriousness of the offense
- (2) conduct of the person subsequent to the offense
- (3) time elapsed since the commission of the offense
- (4) age of the person at the time of the offense
- (5) whether that offense was an isolated or recurring incidence
- (6) discharge from probation, pardon or expungement

Individuals who are denied licensure or who have certificates revoked are entitled to a hearing and shall be given notice and an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act. The county or district attorney shall file a report with the state board of education indicating the name, address and social security number of any person who has been determined to have committed any offense or act as described above or who has entered into a criminal diversion agreement after having been charged with such act or offense.

Complete the next page.

Directions: Read the Teacher Education Disclosure Statement on the previous page first. Answer each question below by putting your initials in the appropriate blank, provide the information requested, and sign at the bottom of the page.

Disclosure

1. Have you ever been convicted of, or plead guilty to a felony or a crime involving dishonesty, a controlled substance, or a child?

initial: _____ No _____ Yes

If yes, note crime(s) and date(s) it/they occurred.

2. Have you ever entered into a criminal diversion agreement?

initial: _____ No _____ Yes

If yes, note what the diversion(s) was for and what act(s) occurred:

3. Have you ever had a teaching license revoked in any state(s)?

initial: _____ No _____ Yes If yes, what state(s)? _____

4. Have you ever had a teaching license suspended in any state(s)?

initial: _____ No _____ Yes If yes, what state(s)? _____

5. Have you ever been denied a teaching license in any state(s)?

initial: _____ No _____ Yes If yes, what state(s)? _____

I understand that I am obligated to disclose the above information for the purposes of:

- (a) admission to teacher education
- (b) transition to each block/phase
- (c) admission to student teaching
- (d) application for Kansas teacher certification

Also, I understand that if I fail to disclose the information which is requested or if I intentionally report false or inaccurate information:

- (a) my certification may be denied
- (b) my certification may be revoked

I understand that The Teachers College may request verification of the above information if necessary. Further, I understand that if I am denied admission to the Emporia State University Teacher Education Program, I am entitled to a hearing regarding this decision.

I have read this entire document and understand that although Emporia State University verifies the completion of the approved teacher education program, only the Kansas State Department of Education has the right issue, suspend, revoke, or deny a Kansas teaching certificate.

Signature

Date

Printed name

Social Security No.