

**University of Nebraska at Omaha - College of Education  
Rule 20 - Rule 21**

As a student preparing for an initial or advanced endorsement/certification, I affirm and accept my responsibility to complete my professional preparation program according to the highest ethical standards. **I understand that in accordance with the "Standards of Conduct and Ethics for Holders of Public School Certifications", I shall not make any fraudulent statement or fail to disclose a material fact for which I am responsible.**

**Have you ever been found guilty or convicted of any felony or misdemeanor in any criminal, drug, or juvenile court** (including, but not limited to, charges related to minor in possession of alcohol, driving under the influence, and possession of a controlled substance/drugs)?

\_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES\*

**Have any of these convictions involved abuse, neglect, or sexual misconduct?**

\_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES\*

**Rule 20** of the Nebraska State Board of Education requires the institution to inform all persons who apply for admission to its program that persons who have felony convictions, or misdemeanor convictions involving abuse, neglect, or sexual misconduct, as defined in Section 005.7A, are automatically rejected by the Department for certification, or participation in pre-student teaching field, laboratory, and classroom experiences or student teaching.

The institution shall require all prospective teacher education students to provide a list of all criminal convictions, except traffic offenses. The institution shall require prospective students to affirm under oath that he or she has no felony and no misdemeanor convictions involving abuse, neglect, or sexual misconduct.

**Do you have any order or determination currently in effect against you?**

\_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES\*

**Rule 21** of the Nebraska State Board requires that teacher education students provide evidence of emotional or mental capacity. The student is required to affirm under oath that he or she does not have an order or determination currently in effect by a court or any other governmental body which finds the student to be any of the following: a mentally ill and dangerous person, mentally incompetent to stand trial, acquitted of criminal charges because of insanity, an incapacitated person in need of a guardian, or unable to manage his/her property due to mental illness, mental deficiency, chronic use of drugs or chronic intoxication, or is currently an inpatient or resident in a mental facility due to a determination by a qualified mental health professional.

**I swear/affirm that the information furnished herein is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further affirm that I will immediately notify the Office of Student Services, KH 330, of any event, which would change the above response.**

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Name (print)

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Student Signature

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Date

\* If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, make an appointment to see Becky Schnabel, Coordinator of Student Services, (Kayser Hall 330 / 554-2718), immediately. **If you are in a graduate program, and have already received your teaching certificate, if the incident happened before your original teaching certificate was issued and is on record at the Nebraska Department of Education, there is no need to contact Becky Schnabel.**

**An appeal process for continuing in the program is available. If you are interested in information regarding the appeal process, please contact Becky Schnabel, Coordinator of Student Services, Kayser Hall 330.**