

Nebraska Department of Education - Personal & Professional Fitness

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Persons applying for a Nebraska teaching certificate are asked the questions that appear below as an indication of their personal and professional fitness to teach. At this point in your education, the **University of Nebraska-Lincoln's College of Education & Human Sciences** also asks you to answer these same questions because: (1) The answers to these questions may provide UNL with information it finds important in deciding whether to allow you to participate in practicum experiences; and (2) Early identification of issues may impact your ability to secure a teaching certificate upon completion of your degree. All students shall complete the following oath prior to participation in pre-student teaching, field, laboratory and classroom experiences or student teaching. No student will be allowed to participate in classroom experiences or student teaching until this notarized form has been completed. A background check will be required of you prior to student teaching.

Full Name: _____ Phone & E-mail: _____
University ID#: _____ Semester/Year of field experience: _____

1. Have you ever had a professional license, certificate, permit, credential, or other document authorizing the practice of a profession suspended, revoked, voided, denied, rejected, or voluntarily surrendered?
___ Yes ___ No
2. Are you currently the subject of any inquiry or investigation by any law enforcement agency, prosecutor's office, governmental body, or licensing agency?
___ Yes ___ No
3. Is any action currently pending against you by any law enforcement agency, prosecutor's office, governmental body, or licensing agency?
___ Yes ___ No
4. Have you ever: a) been found guilty of a felony or misdemeanor or b) entered a plea of guilty or no contest to a felony or misdemeanor in any criminal, drug, or juvenile court? (Minor traffic infractions need not be reported.)
___ Yes ___ No

Important: If you have *any type of conviction*, you should obtain a copy of the court documents to determine if any conviction warrants further review. Hiring officials may want to see this information in the future.

5. Is an order or determination currently in effect by a court or any other governmental body which finds you 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 your property due to mental illness, mental deficiency, chronic use of drugs or chronic intoxication?
___ Yes ___ No
6. Are you currently an inpatient or resident in a mental health facility due to a determination by a qualified mental health professional?
___ Yes ___ No

If I have answered YES to any of the above questions, I agree that I will make an appointment to see Dr. Tom Wandzilak (472-8626) or Dave Van Horn (472-5428) as soon as possible and obtain a copy of the court record if applicable. If my status changes, I agree to contact one of the above persons.

Legal Signature _____
Date

Subscribed and sworn before me this ____ day of _____,

Notary Public