

CIVIL/CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS ISSUES

What are Enumerated Offenses?

Michigan Teacher Certification

If a teacher candidate has any enumerated offense, s/he must provide either a *Judgment of Sentence*, *Register of Actions*, or a *Certification of Conviction*, along with a written explanation of the offense(s), to the Office of Academic Services (206 Porter Building, 487-1416). Admission and continuance decisions are based on, among other things, information about the civil/criminal convictions of the teacher candidate.

Please be advised that teacher candidates with civil/criminal conviction issues are not guaranteed certification even if they successfully complete a teacher preparation program. The decision to certify a teacher is made by the Michigan Board of Education through the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). The MDE can decide not to certify candidates with civil/criminal conviction issues regardless of their academic performance. EMU requires candidates with civil/criminal conviction issues to sign a letter of acknowledgement for admission and continuance.

Teacher candidates are recommended for certification once they complete all program requirements. Teacher candidates with any enumerated offense will undergo administrative review with the MDE. Administrative review takes at least 30 days. A teacher candidate with an enumerated offense is not eligible for a 90-day letter until after the review is complete and it is determined that the teacher candidate is eligible for certification.

Enumerated Offenses That *May Prevent Teacher Certification

1. Any felony conviction
2. Criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree or an attempt to commit that crime.
3. Child abuse in the third or fourth degree or an attempt to commit that crime.
4. A misdemeanor involving cruelty, torture, or indecent exposure involving children.
5. A misdemeanor violation of distributing marihuana on school property,
6. A violation of any section from the Michigan Penal Code in the following areas: breaking and entering, presence of minor under 17 in places where liquor is sold, lewd and lascivious behavior, contributing to the neglect or delinquency of a minor, removing items from a vacant dwelling.
7. A misdemeanor violation from the Michigan Penal Code in the following areas: assault and battery, domestic violence, selling or furnishing alcoholic liquor to a person less than 21 years of age.
8. More than one: Driving Under the Influence (DUI) or Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL).
9. A violation of a substantially similar law of another state, of a political subdivision of this state or another state, or of the United States.
10. More than one minor in possession conviction.
11. More than one misdemeanor of any kind.

** Note: Enumerated offenses can negatively impact Michigan teacher certification, candidate marketability, or both.*

School districts will ask applicants for criminal background information. School districts can hold applicants to higher standards than are required by the state.

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STATEMENT OF CIVIL/CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

The State Board of Education may refuse to grant a teaching certificate to an applicant convicted, as an adult, of any enumerated offense.

You must respond to each of the following questions.

	YES	NO
1. Have you ever been convicted of, found guilty of, pled guilty to, or pled no contest to any <u>misdemeanor</u> (including DUI) other than a traffic offense?		
2. Have you ever been convicted, found guilty of, or plead no contest to DUI (Driving Under the Influence) or OUIL (Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol)? How many? _____		
3. Have you ever been convicted of, found guilty of, pled guilty to, or pled no contest to any <u>felony</u> ?		
4. Have you ever had ANY professional certificate, license, or permit, or an application for same, revoked, suspended, limited, or denied? (A driver's license is <i>not</i> a professional license.)		
5. Do you currently have any criminal charges pending against you?		
6. Have you ever been, or are you currently, on a child abuse or sexual abuse registry in any state?		
7. Are you currently being investigated for sexual harassment, sexual abuse, or child abuse?		

In accordance with the State Board of Education Administrative Rules, a certificate may be denied or revoked for fraud, material misrepresentation, counterfeiting a certificate, or concealment in the application for a certificate (see Section R390.1201). **In order for your application to be processed, you must initial the following two paragraphs and provide EMU with basic personal identification information.**

I hereby certify that the information on this form is accurate and complete, and I hereby grant permission for school officials to release information concerning my degree and certificate to potential employers and certification agencies. _____ (initial here)

I understand that the Michigan Department of Education may not grant a teaching certificate to a candidate with civil/criminal conviction issues, even when the candidate has successfully completed an accredited teacher preparation program. I also understand that a licensed teacher with civil/criminal conviction issues can have her or his certificate revoked. _____ (initial here)

Printed Last Name: _____ Printed First Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Identification # at EMU: E _____ Check one: elementary secondary

Check one: undergraduate post-baccalaureate graduate already certified teacher

Directions

If you answered yes to any of the questions in the table above, please provide the following documents: 1) a copy of the Judgment of Sentence, or Register of Actions, or Certification of Conviction, and 2) a written explanation of the offense. When recommended for certification, candidates with civil/criminal conviction issues will undergo administrative review by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). Administrative review takes *at least* 30 calendar days from the day the recommendation is received by MDE. Ninety-day eligibility letters for candidates with civil/criminal conviction issues will not be available *unless and until* the MDE approves them.