

CRIMINAL/CIVIL CONVICTION ISSUES AND TEACHER CERTIFICATION

If a teacher candidate has any misdemeanor or felony offenses, s/he must provide a *Judgment of Sentence, Registration 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 any civil/criminal conviction issues of the teacher candidate. EMU requires candidates with civil/criminal conviction issues to sign a letter of understanding for admission and continuance

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.

Typically, teacher candidates are recommended for certification once they complete all program requirements. However, teacher candidates with any enumerated offense will undergo administrative review by the MDE. Administrative review takes at least 30 days.

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 marijuana 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 CRIMINAL/CIVIL CONVICTIONS

at the time of Student Teaching Application

The State Board of Education may refuse to grant a teaching certificate to an applicant convicted, as an adult, of an act of immoral conduct contributing to the delinquency of a child, or of a felony.

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 moral turpitude issues can have her or his certificate revoked. _____ (initial here)

Printed Last Name: _____	Printed First Name: _____
Signature: _____	Date: _____
Student ID # at EMU: _____	Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> elementary <input type="checkbox"/> secondary <input type="checkbox"/> K-12
Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> post-baccalaureate <input type="checkbox"/> SEM-T <input type="checkbox"/> already certified teacher	

Directions

If you answered yes to *any* of the questions in the table above, please provide one of 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.