

To: Teacher Education Students

RE: State of Ohio Certification Standards

Please be advised that in Ohio the requirements for Certification include the following statement.

3301-23 Provisional certificate for teaching.

The provisional certificate, valid for teaching the subject named in such certificate in (grades) shall be issued to an individual who holds a baccalaureate degree; **who is deemed to be of good moral character**; who has successfully completed an approved program of teacher preparation, including an examination prescribed by the state board of education; and who has been recommended by the dean or head of teacher education at an approved institution.

3301-21-01 DEFINITIONS. TERMINOLOGY USED IN THIS CHAPTER AND CHAPTER 3301-23 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SHALL BE AS DEFINED IN THIS RULE.

(M) “GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.” A person shall be deemed to be of good moral character provided that said individual has not pleaded guilty to or been convicted of any felon, any violation of Section 2907.04 (corruption of a minor) or Section 2907.06 (sexual imposition), or division (A) or (C) of Section 2907.07 (importuning) of the Revised Code, any offense of violence, theft offense, or drug abuse offense that is not a minor misdemeanor, or any substantively comparable ordinance of a municipal corporation or of another state.

**\*An individual who has pleaded guilty to or has been convicted of any such offense may have an application for (licensure) considered by the State Board of Education, provided said individual meets the conditions specified in Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-20-01.**

The application for certification contains the following:

Any individual who pleads guilty to or is convicted of any felony, any violation of Section 2907.04 or 2907.06, or division (A) or (C) of Section 2907.07 of the Revised Code, any offense of violence, theft offense, or drug abuse that is not a minor misdemeanor, or any substantially comparable ordinance of a municipal corporation or of another state shall indicate so in Section K of the application form.

If you have any questions about this portion of the Ohio Revised Code, please talk with your advisor, the Associate Dean, Dr. Linda Billman, or the Director of Teacher Testing and Licensure, Mr. Doug Staggs.

***I, \_\_\_\_\_, assure the Dwight Schar College of Education at Ashland University that I have been made aware of, read, understand, and meet the good moral character standard of the State of Ohio Revised Code as defined about.***

Student Name (Please print legibly) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Revised 7/20/07**