



**UOTeach/CTED Program Applicant
Evidence of Good Moral Character Declaration Questionnaire**

PROCEDURE

Oregon Administrative Rule ([584-400-0140 Clinical Practices](#)) requires that all teacher candidates have completed a background clearance through the Commission prior to candidate contact with PreK-12 students. As a result, included in the admissions application for professional educator preparation programs are the character questions from the Teacher Standards and Practices Commissions (TSPC) e-licensure Clinical Practice application. The intent is to fully inform all applicants of qualifying state requirements for entrance into the licensure program. Applicants must complete the form providing “yes” or “no” answers to all 10 questions and explanations as required. Applicants must upload the completed form to the application. Uploaded forms are not visible to the review committee.

Admitted candidates will receive full explanation of the [TSPC clinical practices approval process](#) during the summer orientation and must have a *clear and current* background check prior to any contact with students as part of the program.

- Teacher candidates unable to obtain state clearance approval based on the conviction of any of the crimes listed in the questionnaire will have their admission revoked.
- Candidates unable to obtain state clearance approval prior to the start of field placement will be required to officially go “On Leave” until approval is obtained or have their admission revoked.
- If an applicant knowingly provides inaccurate, incomplete or false information on the character questionnaire, the responsible administrator will notify the department head and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of discovery of the criminal conviction or of other matters of concern that could have a bearing on the candidate's eligibility for licensure.
- Candidates are expected to maintain conduct standards for participation in the program that include (but are not limited to) the disclosure of relevant criminal instances subsequent to or that do not show up as part of the background check.
- Be knowledgeable of [Standards For Competent And Ethical Performance Of Oregon Educators](#) and [Oregon's mandatory reporting law](#)

CHARACTER QUESTIONS

You must answer each question either “Yes” or “No” whichever is true. Explain each “yes” answer in detail on a separate sheet. Any false statement knowingly made in this application is grounds for revocation or suspension of your license. If in doubt, disclose and explain rather than conceal.

For ADMISSION into a COE LICENSURE PROGRAM (<i>must answer each</i>)	Yes/No
1. Have you ever left any educational or school-related employment, voluntarily or involuntarily, while the subject of an inquiry, review or investigation of alleged misconduct or alleged violation of professional standards of conduct or when you had reason to believe such investigation was imminent?	
2. Are you currently the subject of an inquiry, review, or investigation for alleged misconduct or alleged violation of professional standards of conduct?	
3. Have you ever failed to complete a contract for educational services in any educational or school- related position, or for any alleged misconduct or alleged violation of professional standards of conduct been placed on leave by your employer or left such employment prior to the end of the contract term?	

4. Have you ever had a professional certificate, credential, or license (of any kind) revoked or suspended, or have you been placed on probationary status for any alleged misconduct or alleged violation of professional standards of conduct?	
5. Have you ever been denied a professional license for which you applied or granted a professional license on a conditional or probationary basis for any alleged misconduct or alleged violation of professional standards of conduct?	
6. Have you ever surrendered a professional license of any kind before its expiration?	
7. Have you ever been disciplined by any public agency responsible for licensure of any kind, including but not limited to educational licensure?	
8. Have you ever been convicted or been granted conditional discharge by any court for: (a) any felony; (b) misdemeanor; or (c) any major traffic violation, such as: driving under the influence of intoxicants or drugs; reckless driving; fleeing from or attempting to elude a police officer; driving while your license was suspended, revoked or used in violation of any license restriction; or failure to perform the duties of a driver or witness at an accident?	
9. Have you ever been arrested or cited for any offense listed in question 8 above which is still pending?	
10. Have you ever entered a plea of Guilty or No Contest relative to any charge for an offense listed in question 8?	
11. Have you ever had any civil judgment or other court order entered against you resulting from abuse, assault, battery, harassment, intimidation, neglect, stalking, or threatening behavior toward other persons?	

- If you answer “NO” to questions 8 through 11 based upon an “expungement,” and/or an order “setting aside” or “sealing” of a record of a conviction or conditional discharge, you must personally verify with the court directly involved that the expungement, setting aside or sealing actually has taken place. An erroneous belief that a conviction has been expunged, set aside, or sealed, when in fact it has not, will be deemed a false statement.
- If you answer “YES” to any of the above, a copy of court records/letter of explanation must accompany this form.

Authorization - I hereby certify that the information submitted on or relating to this form is true and correct.

<i>Applicant Legal Name (Printed)</i>	<i>Applicant Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
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NOTE: See **584-050-0100 Fingerprinting of Subject Individuals** for a [list of the crimes in ORS 342.143 \(https://www.oregon.gov/tspc/LIC/Documents/crimes_list.pdf\)](https://www.oregon.gov/tspc/LIC/Documents/crimes_list.pdf), or the substantial equivalent of any of those crimes if the conviction occurred in another jurisdiction or in Oregon under a different statutory name or number, will be denied licensure, certification or registration.