Commitment to the Profession

To assure that the quality of services of the teaching profession meet the expectations of the university, the state and its citizens, the teacher candidate shall maintain the dignity of the profession by respecting and obeying the law, demonstrating personal integrity, and exemplifying honesty.

In fulfillment of the obligation to the profession, the teacher candidate:

1. Shall adhere to the University of Central Oklahoma’s Student Code of Conduct, particularly in regard to classroom behaviors, interactions with others, and academic dishonesty;
2. Shall accurately report, in applications and in all university documents, all material facts and information related to competency and qualifications;
3. Shall refrain from disclosing information about professional colleagues obtained in the course of coursework or clinical experiences unless disclosure serves a compelling professional purpose or is required by law;
4. Shall not knowingly make false or malicious statements about colleagues, peers, or faculty members in respect to character, education, or other relevant attributes;
5. Shall refrain from accepting any gratuity, gift, or favor that might impair or appear to influence professional decision or actions;
6. Shall refrain from assisting entry into the program of a person known to be unqualified in respect to character, education, or other relevant attribute;
7. Shall model responsiveness to diverse learners, lifelong learning and reflection, and professionalism.

Commitment to the Community

Teacher candidates, in fulfilling citizenship responsibilities, should conduct themselves as productive members of the university, local, national, and global communities. Their actions should demonstrate their respect for all accordingly.

In fulfillment of the obligation to the community, the teacher candidate:

1. Shall endeavor to understand community cultures and relate the home environment of students to the school;
2. Shall demonstrate good human relations and communication skills with parents and others to improve public schools in the community;
3. Shall engage family and community support;
4. Shall serve the community and the profession;
5. Shall use community and school resources appropriately and effectively;
6. Shall evaluate the effects of his/her choices and actions on others and make necessary changes;
7. Shall maintain the dignity necessary to gain the respect of the community;
8. Shall manifest a positive role in school-public relations;
9. Shall exhibit a tolerant, fair, and objective attitude toward other groups and individuals of diverse backgrounds.

Candidate Agreement

I have read and will abide by the principles of the UCO College of Education and Professional Studies Code of Ethics. I understand that the consequences of violating this agreement can include various disciplinary actions including denial or revocation of admission to the teacher education program.

Name (please print) ___________________________ ID#__________

Signature ______________________________________ Date ________

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