Bowling Green State University
Good Moral Character Statement
2014-2015

Academic program requirements are specific to the catalog and checksheet year in which the licensure program was begun. Students who do not maintain continuous enrollment, however, may be subject to additional requirements. College of Education and Human Development (EDHD) students who are not enrolled for more than two consecutive semesters (summers not included) will be moved to the current checksheet at the time of readmission.

Periodically during your educator preparation program, you will be required to be fingerprinted by the Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation (BCII) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to verify your “good moral character” status. This will be expected of you because you will be entering schools and working with PreK-12 students as a part of your educator preparation program. This helps to ensure the health and safety of the PreK-12 students with whom you will be working. There is a fee associated with fingerprinting and that fee will be solely your responsibility.

For BGSU to recommend a student for an Ohio license (teaching, administrative, or pupil services), all program and licensure criteria must have been met. Applicants must meet the criteria in place at the time of licensure application. Students who delay their application for State of Ohio licensure (defined by the date when application is verified and ready for submission to the ODE) for longer than one academic year from their program completion/graduation must meet current, State-approved, program/licensure requirements at the time of application. Changes in these requirements during the interim between program completion/graduation and application may result in the applicant having to meet additional requirements before BGSU may recommend licensure. Applicants must, also, meet any State of Ohio mandates/requirements in effect at the time of application, even if these requirements are in addition to or alter their graduation/program completion requirements. In addition, in order to be issued an educator license by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), an applicant must be deemed of “good moral character.” Good moral character is defined in Administrative Rule 3301-24-01(L) as follows:

“Good moral character” means a person that has not pleaded guilty to or has been convicted of any felony, 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 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 Chapter 3301-73 of the Administrative Code.

Good Moral Character questions (“X” the appropriate response):

1. Have you been convicted of, found guilty of, pled guilty to, or pled no contest to any misdemeanor other than a traffic offense? Yes □ No □

2. Have you been convicted of, found guilty of, pled guilty to, or pled no contest to any felony? Yes □ No □

3. Have you ever had a criminal conviction sealed or expunged? Yes □ No □

4. Have you had any certificate, license, or permit, or the application for same, revoked, suspended, limited, or denied? Yes □ No □

5. Have you ever surrendered any certificate, license, or permit? Yes □ No □

I, ____________________________ (print name), have read and understand this information.

Signature ________________________ BGSU ID#: ________________________

Date __________________________