

## **Mental/Emotional Health**

As required by the Nebraska Department of Education (NAC 92, Rule 21, 003.10) , preservice teachers are required to affirm under oath they do not have an order or determination currently in affect by a court or any other governmental body which finds the student to be any of the following: a mentally ill and dangerous person, mentally incompetent to stand trial, acquitted of criminal charges because of insanity an incapacitated person in need of a guardian, or unable to manage one’s property due to mental illness, mental deficiency, chronic use of drugs or chronic intoxication; or is currently an inpatient or resident in a mental health facility due to a determination by a qualified mental health professional. In compliance with this rule, students must affirm yearly, prior to student assisting or teaching in any practicum methods class or student teaching/internship experience, they have not been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. Furthermore, it is the student’s responsibility to report any change in status regarding this rule. Preservice teachers not meeting this standard are not allowed to participate in K-12 activities until they have received permission to proceed by the State Board.

## **Felon Status**

The Nebraska Department of Education (NAC 92, Rule 20, 004.06) requires each preservice teachers to affirm that they have not been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving abuse, neglect, or sexual misconduct (See Appendix G). The Nebraska Department of Education further states that felons may not student assist or student teach in K-12 classrooms, but in these instances may appeal to the State Board of Education for review. In compliance with this rule, preservice teachers must affirm yearly prior to any field experiences in any practicum or student teaching/internship they have not been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. It is the preservice teacher’s responsibility to report any change in status to the Dean of the College of Education regarding this requirement.

## **Background Check**

Prior to admission to the Teacher Education program and again prior to student teaching all students will be required to undergo a background check through One Source. The College of Education will provide all needed information to complete this task. Preservice teachers are responsible for the cost of the background check. (Nebraska Department of Education, NAC 92, Rule 20, 004.06C)

## **Assessment fee and other fees**

Fees are added each semester in Practicum I. The fees cover resource books, materials, speaker fees, and the learning management assessment system fee.

## **Insurance**

A fee for joining the Student Education Association of Nebraska (SEAN) will be paid on an annual basis. The fee provides preservice teachers membership in the local, state and national associations as well as insurance for field experiences and student teaching/internship.

Preservice teachers will not be an employee of the school where their field experience occurs, so will not be covered by its health or accident insurance. For this reason, they must be covered by liability insurance either through membership in SEAN or through a personal/professional liability insurance.