

**Georgia Southern University**  
**Application for Admission to the College of Education Teacher Education Program**  
**Disclosure and Affirmation Form**

\*this application must be completed prior to enrollment into the Pre-Professional Block (PPB)

Name:		Eagle ID:	
Permanent (Home) Address:			
Campus Address:			
Cell Phone:	Campus Phone:	Home Phone:	
Email Address:			PO Box
Major:		Est. Term of Graduation:	

For admission into the Teacher Education Program (TEP) the applicant must submit the following information for consideration in admissions decisions. The applicant must:

- disclose any previous Student Conduct Code violation;
- complete a criminal background check with [www.certifiedbackground.com](http://www.certifiedbackground.com) as instructed by the certification officer or during PPB orientation;
- acknowledge that the Georgia Professional Standards Commission's (PSC) *Code of Ethics for Educators* has been reviewed and that the applicant will adhere to those standards; and
- confirm that he/she holds tort liability insurance coverage.

**A. Misconduct Disclosure**

Have you ever been found in violation of the Georgia Southern University Student Conduct Code?

Yes (if yes, state the violation and date below)     No                      **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

Conduct Code Violation	Date

**B. Criminal Background Check**

It is required that all students entering the Pre-Professional block field experience at Georgia Southern University submit to a criminal background check. To do so, go to the following website: [www.certifiedbackground.com](http://www.certifiedbackground.com).

*Note: If the criminal background check results in negative findings the student may be admitted into the Teacher Education Program (TEP). However, the information will be shared with any school systems which is asked to host a field experience. The decision to accept the student for field placement will be at the sole discretion of the school/agency administrators.*

I understand that a criminal background check is required and I will complete the criminal background check by the identified date with CertifiedBackground.com. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Code of Ethics for Educators

The Georgia PSC's *Code of Ethics for Educators* represents the standards of conduct generally accepted by the education profession. They are available in every school, on the PSC website (<http://www.gapsc.com/Ethics/NEthics.asp>) and binding on all certified personnel employed in the State of Georgia. They are also binding on all persons in programs that prepare them for work in schools. The College of Education, therefore, expects all of its candidates (graduate and undergraduate) to abide by this professional code of ethics. All applicants must read the *Code of Ethics for Educators* and agree to apply the standards in the performance of their professional responsibilities while in the program.

I have read the Georgia *Code of Ethics for Educators* and commit to adhere to that set of ethical standards. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Affirmation:** The candidate should enter a truthful "Yes" or "No" response to each of the following questions. These are the same questions you will complete in the future for educator certification. All questions must have a response in order for this application process to continue. "Yes" responses will require a criminal background check to be completed on request and a meeting with College of Education officials.

- Y N 1. Have you ever had an adverse action (ie. Warning, reprimand, suspension, revocation, denial, voluntary surrender, disbarment) taken against a professional certificate, license or permit issued by an agency **OTHER THAN the Georgia Professional Standards Commission?**
- Y N 2. Are you currently the subject of an investigation involving a violation of a profession's laws, rules, standards or Code of Ethics by an agency **OTHER THAN the Georgia Professional Standards Commission?**
- Y N 3. Have you ever received a less than honorable discharge from any branch of the armed services?
- Y N 4. Have you ever left an employment position (retired, resigned, been dismissed, terminated, non-renewed or otherwise) while under investigation?
- Y N 5. Are you currently the subject of an investigation involving sexual misconduct or physical harm to a child?
- Y N 6. Are you the subject of a pending investigation involving a criminal act?
- Y N 7. For any **felony** or any **crime involving moral turpitude**, have you ever:
- ◆ pled guilty;
  - ◆ entered a plea of *nolo contendere*;
  - ◆ been found guilty;
  - ◆ pled guilty to a lesser offense;
  - ◆ been granted first offender treatment without adjudication of guilt;
  - ◆ participated in a pre-trial diversion program;

- ◆ been found not guilty by reason of insanity; or
- ◆ been placed under a court order whereby an adjudication of sentence was withheld?

Y N 8. Have you ever been convicted, or pled to a lesser offense for any sexual offense?

Y N 9. Have you been convicted of a drug offense (felony or misdemeanor) after **July 1, 2008** while holding a professional certificate, license or permit?

<b>Moral Turpitude</b>	
<p><b><u>Crimes involving moral turpitude:</u></b>            Fraud or false pretenses in obtaining something of value            Larceny or a misdemeanor theft by taking            Larceny after trust            Murder            Soliciting for prostitutes            Voluntary manslaughter            Sale of narcotics or other illegal drugs            Pattern of failure to file federal tax returns  <u>Criminal Issuance</u> of a bad check            Making a false report of crime</p>	<p><b><u>Crimes NOT involving moral turpitude:</u></b>            Public drunkenness            Driving under the influence            Carrying a concealed weapon            Unlawful sale of liquor            Simple Battery and Simple Assault            Misdemeanor criminal trespass            Child abandonment            Misdemeanor offense of escape            Obstruction of a law enforcement officer (Misd.)            Possession of less than one ounce of marijuana</p>

I understand the criteria for admission and recognize that conduct code or ethical violations, criminal background check, or lack of tort liability insurance\* can prevent my admission and/or retention in the educator preparation program.

I affirm that to the best of my knowledge, all information submitted here is true and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\*tort liability insurance will be discussed and signed for at the beginning of your PPB semester or when you enter the Teacher Education Program.