

## Bethlehem Tertiary Institute

### Graduate Diploma in Teaching (ECE) and Graduate Diploma in Education (EC) Student Declaration

In line with the Teaching Council of Aotearoa, New Zealand's requirements all applicants for teacher education programmes are required to sign a declaration of convictions, pending charges or matters which may impact on their ability to register as a teacher, including mental and physical fitness.

Applicants are required to give consent for a request of personal information stored with the Licensing and Vetting Service, Office of the Commissioner of Police.

**If the answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes', you must provide specific details** addressed to the ECE Programme Leader.

Immediate notification to the Programme Leader is required should any personal information change of the answer to the following questions become 'Yes' within the duration of the programme.

Should such changes become evident to staff or the student, during or before professional practice placements (PPP), BTI has the right to suspend the PPP or delay commencement until such a time as the student can provide medical or other evidence to ensure it is safe for all parties for you to continue.

#### 1. Offences Against the Law

**Have you been convicted of any criminal charges, or do you have any criminal charges pending?**

Yes

No

NB: These include charges not covered by the Clean Slate Act (2004) (<https://www.justice.govt.nz/criminal-records/clean-slate/>). If convictions are listed, you must provide, to the programme leader, brief details regarding the:

- nature of offending;
- age at time of offence;
- sentence received; and
- changes you have made in your life to ensure suitability for your chosen programme of study.

#### 2. Physical and Mental Health

Teaching is a physically and mentally demanding profession. It requires high levels of physical and mental/emotional resilience enabling teachers to respond positively to the daily stresses and strains of the profession. Being physically fit for teaching acknowledges the diversity of physical ability, however, requires that teachers are able to effectively undertake all aspects of the teaching role including duties and extra-curricular activities. Being mentally fit for teaching, acknowledges that teachers can experience mental health issues, however they must have strategies in place to respond appropriately to their own mental wellbeing without impacting the wellbeing of students.

**Do you have any physical, medical, or mental health concerns or difficulties that may affect your ability to study at BTI, undertake Professional Practice Placements, or contribute effectively to the teaching profession?**

Yes

No

If you have answered 'Yes' please provide, to the programme leader, details of the condition along with a management plan or strategies for dealing with this.

**Commitment to disclose appropriate information immediately:**

**I commit to immediately disclose any convictions, pending charges or matters that may impact on the ability to register as a teacher, including mental and physical fitness matters that may arise during the course of study.**

**I confirm that all the information contained in this declaration is true and correct. I understand that giving a false declaration or failing to disclose information may prevent me from being accepted into the programme or if accepted, prevent me from continuing in the programme.**

Name of applicant:

Signature of applicant:

Date: