

Becoming a Professional Educator
BECOMING A PRO

Outline

- I. Seven Steps to Success (see next page)
- II. Two General Organizations for Teachers
 - National Education Association (NEA)
 - American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
- III. Education's Code of Ethics - teachers work with children widely acknowledged to be vulnerable clients
- IV. Teaching Portfolios: Documenting Performance
 - Teacher-Prepared Material
 - Contributions of Observers (references)
 - Learners' Work
 - Organizational Formats
 - Results of Assessments
- V. Roles for Educators
 - Classroom Teachers
 - Grade-Level Leader or Department Chair
 - Curriculum Leader
 - School Administrator
 - School Counselor
 - State Education Agency Employee
 - Teacher Educator
 - Private-Sector Opportunities

Seven Steps to Success

1. Set Your Goal
 - realistic self assessment (strengths, weaknesses, job expectations);
 - understand the structure of YSU's programs (core studies, teaching field, professional education) see curriculum sheets;
 - know significance of choices of major; (Early Childhood, Middle School, High School . . . coming changes such as Early Childhood Generalist Endorsement to an Early Childhood license that add grades 4 & 5)
 - understand the job market
2. Ascertain and Meet Admission Requirements for teacher education (called Upper Division Status) (see curriculum sheets in advising office and BCOE website for updates – Praxis I)
3. Exhibit High Quality Performance in Junior/Senior courses
 - GPA requirements for student teaching include teaching field and prof.ed.
 - Praxis II requirements for student teaching
 - BCI Criminal Check again
4. Achieve Graduation & Provisional Licensure
 - Degree requirements, Praxis II, BCI Criminal Check
5. Obtain a Job
 - resume (vita)
 - references
 - employment portfolio
 - interview
6. Achieve Initial Licensure (4 years only)
 - induction year, mentorship, called Resident Educator License
 - Praxis III is being replaced . . . see ODE Website
7. Set Next Goal(s)
 - Continued professional development in same field
 - Professional Educator License
 - Renew every five years
 - Tenure after/ast first renewal
 - Senior Professional Educator License
 - Must have Master's or equivalent
 - Lead Professional Educator License
 - Must be "distinguished" (e.g. National Board Certified)
 - New role inside P-12 school (see Roles for Educators above)
 - Career outside of P-12 education (see Roles for Educators above)