



FONTBONNE UNIVERSITY

TEACHER CERTIFICATION UNIT

COMMITMENTS OF THE RESPONSIBLE EDUCATOR

I. PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENTS

1. Exhibit **enthusiasm** for teaching as a profession and articulate a personal vision of educational goals
2. **Participate** in class and field experiences in a manner befitting a professional educator
3. Develop and **refine standard oral and written communications** skills that positively reflect upon the profession
4. Effectively **communicate, collaborate, and cooperate** with colleagues, parents, and the larger educational community
5. Respect the **privacy** of students and the **confidentiality** of information as required by law
6. Accept and use **feedback for professional growth** and development
7. Exhibit **self-management, planning, and organizational skills** needed to complete tasks by required deadlines.

II. ACADEMIC COMMITMENTS

8. Exhibit **enthusiasm** for the discipline(s) to be taught
9. Exhibit solid **knowledge of content**
10. Adhere to tenets of **academic honesty and integrity**
11. **Connect academics to everyday life**
12. Keep **abreast of new ideas** and trends in the discipline(s) and in the profession

III. INSTRUCTIONAL COMMITMENTS

13. Use **reflection** as an ongoing impetus to improvement of instruction
14. Show **respect** for the diverse talents of all learners
15. Show **sensitivity** to community, cultural, and gender differences in implementing instruction
16. Keep **abreast of new ideas**, resources and trends in instructional methodology
17. Use **assessment** as a means of fostering student growth and to promote self-assessment as a tool of learning
18. **Value all aspects of a child's well-being** (cognitive, emotional, social, and physical)
19. Value **planning**, but understand the need for **flexibility**
20. Integrate **technology** throughout the curriculum
21. Use **student strengths as a basis for growth** and student errors as opportunities for learning