The Education Department of Mount Saint Mary's University ("MSMU") assesses the disposition of each candidate in its teaching program, in addition to assessing each candidate's knowledge and skills. This approach is in keeping with a national trend in which candidates are expected to demonstrate an orientation to learning that supports student achievement. Specific dispositions are determined by each teacher preparation program. MSMU Education Candidates are required to demonstrate the following dispositions:

1. Demonstrate classroom behaviors consistent with fairness and the belief that all students can learn.
2. Demonstrate respect for children, families, communities, colleagues, and supervisors.
3. Conduct and represent oneself in a professional manner (including dress, behavior, and attitude).
4. Exemplify ethical behavior and integrity.
6. Meet deadlines; be punctual; exemplify outstanding attendance and participation.
7. Follow coursework and field work assignment directions given by instructors and advisors.
8. Receive and make use of constructive feedback from instructors and advisors with openness and interest in improvement.
9. Follow through with suggestions and/or direct instructions from instructors, advisors, and University staff.
10. Be engaged and collaborative during discussions and activities required by courses and fieldwork experiences.
11. Communicate clearly (both orally and in writing) with University staff, instructors, and advisors.
12. Reflect these expected dispositions in work with students, families, and communities.

MSMU Education Candidates will be evaluated to ensure they exhibit the Required Dispositions. These evaluations will be based on the candidate's approach to all aspects of their teacher preparation program (advisement, in class experiences, fieldwork experiences, and communication with MSMU faculty and staff).

Any MSMU Education Candidate who fails to exhibit the Required Dispositions may be dismissed from the Teacher Credential Program and/or the Graduate Division and/or the University. The ultimate decision as to dismissal shall remain with the Graduate Dean and/or President of the University. Nothing in this Policy shall limit in any way the ability of MSMU to dismiss a candidate without first providing a Notice of Concern and/or to dismiss a candidate for reasons other than those set forth in this Policy.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I understand MSMU's Candidate Disposition Policy and I understand that I must exhibit the Required Dispositions in order to successfully complete the MSMU education program to which I am applying.

Candidate's Printed Name: ______________________________________________________

Candidate’s Signature: __________________________________ Date: _______________