Odessa College Educator Preparation Program
Exit/Dismissal Policy

The Odessa College Educator Preparation Program (EPP) intends to graduate and certify candidates who will be effective educators. Evidence of potential effectiveness include academic, dispositional, professional, and personal qualities. Certification candidates are routinely monitored throughout their program. If a candidate's GPA falls below the required GPA or if other issues arise concerning a candidate's fitness to practice, the educator candidate may be placed on probation for one semester or dismissed from the program.

Reasons candidates may be placed on probation or removed from the EPP may include, but are not limited to, the following, at the discretion of the Dean with the advice of a faculty review committee.

- Undergraduate GPA falls below 2.5
- Standard of Conduct/Educator Ethics violation
- Criminal Background Check that precludes placement
- School/district refuses to accept the candidate for field experience/clinical teaching
- Failure to make satisfactory progress toward completion of the program
- Failure to satisfy conditions of probation
- Fitness to Teach (Fitness to Practice) decision

This policy is specific to the EPP's program for initial educator certification in Texas, and does not replace any broader university retention/dismissal policies. By signing below I acknowledge that I have read and understand the exit/dismissal policy for the Odessa College EPP.

Candidate Name: _____ Date: _____