

Criminal History Policy: Criminal Background Check and Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation

Texas Certification seeking applicants/candidates must read and sign this acknowledgement form

Pursuant to the Texas Education Code (TEC), §22.083, candidates seeking certification must undergo a criminal history background check prior to employment as an educator and pursuant to TEC, §22.0835, prior to clinical teaching

OLLU's Texas certification/educator preparation program requires that applicants and candidates have a clear criminal history background check (nationwide) PRIOR to admittance into the educator preparation program or a favorable Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation letter from TEA about their potential eligibility for educator certification. Applicants with certain criminal convictions or deferred adjudications may not be eligible for placement and thus not able to pursue certification. For more information candidates review Texas Occupation Code, Chapter 53, Section 530105 and/or [Texas Administrative Code, Subchapter B §249.16](#).

Applicants and/or candidates of the OLLU educator preparation program should be aware of the following:

1) Having a criminal history might prevent applicants from attaining a placement and/or completing their clinical teaching or becoming certified educators based on the following factors:

- x the nature and seriousness of the crime;
- x the relationship of the crime to the purposes that certification is required to become a professional educator;
- x the extent to which certification might offer an opportunity to engage in further criminal activity of the same type as that in which the person previously had been involved;
- x the relationship of the crime to the ability, capacity, or fitness required to perform the duties of a professional educator;
- x the extent of the applicant's past criminal activity;
- x the age of the person when the crime was committed;
- x the amount of time that has elapsed since the person's last criminal activity;
- x the conduct and work activity

Requesting a Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation (PCHE):

Effective October 1, 2018, requests for a PCHE must be submitted online

1. Read all [FAQs](#)