

## 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. Applicants with certain criminal convictions or deferred adjudications may not be eligible for placement.



course and/or program of study and may not be able to complete their course, certification and/or degree requirements. In addition, if upon successful completion of an educational program a candidate is convicted of certain offenses they may become ineligible for certification/certification examination. Please refer to Texas Occupation Code, Chapter 53, Section 53.001-53.105 and/or [Texas Administrative Code Chp. 249, Subchapter B §249.16](#) for further clarification of offenses leading to ineligibility of certification.

I have read and understand the Criminal History Background Check and Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation information contained above regarding Texas Occupation Code, Chapter 53, Section 53.001-53.105 and/or [Texas Administrative Code Chp. 249, Subchapter B §249.16](#) and potential ineligibility for admission, placement, continuation of program, degree completion and/or certification for certain criminal convictions or deferred adjudications.

Applicant/Candidate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved EDUC and TECC – 9/2019