

College of Education

Advanced Certification Program Application

Before being admitted to a program that includes any of the Texas Education Agency (TEA) certifications listed below, the applicant must complete, sign and submit this application as directed by the Office of Admissions.

Name: _____ UHCL ID: _____

Certification(s):

Indicate all certifications you are planning to pursue as part of the program to which you are applying.

Principal as Instructional Leader Reading Specialist School Counselor
 School Librarian Superintendent

Educator Code of Ethics:

The State of Texas, Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) require that educator preparation program shall ensure that the individuals preparing candidates and the candidates themselves understand and adhere to the [Texas Educator Code 19 Chapter 247: Educator's Code of Ethics](#).

Initial next to each of the items below to confirm you have read, understand, and agree to abide by the State's Educator's Code of Ethics.

I have read the Texas Educator's Code of Ethics as outlined in [Texas Educator Code 19 Chapter 247: Educator's Code of Ethics](#).

I understand the Texas Educator's Code of Ethics as outlined in [Texas Educator Code 19 Chapter 247: Educator's Code of Ethics](#).

I agree to abide by the Texas Educator's Code of Ethics as outlined in [Texas Educator Code 19 Chapter 247: Educator's Code of Ethics](#) during my candidacy for certification and as an educator.

Criminal Background Check:

The State of Texas, Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) require that an educator preparation program inform all program applicants and candidates about the State's rules on criminal background checks from the Texas Occupations Code Chapter 53, the Texas Education Code Chapter 22.0831 and the Texas Administrative Code, Part VII, Chapter 227, Subchapter B.

Initial next to each of the items below to confirm you have read and understand the State's rules on criminal background checks:

I understand that an individual who has been convicted of an offense may be *ineligible* for the issuance of an educator certificate upon completion of an educational program.

I understand that TEA will conduct a national criminal history check on me when I apply for my educator certificate and when I am a certified educator.

I have read and understand [TEA's National Criminal History Checks-FAQs](#)

I understand that I may request a Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation from TEA if I have reason to believe that I may be ineligible for educator certification due to a conviction or

deferred adjudication for a felony or misdemeanor offense, per Texas Occupation Code Section 53.102. I have read and understand [TEA's Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation-FAQs](#)

_____ I have read and understand the current guidelines issued by SBEC on the following:

- a. [Disciplinary Policy Guidelines](#)
- b. [Educator Discipline – FAQs](#)

Applicant Signature

Date

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