

Supplemental Admission Requirements School Counselor Certification Program

Before being admitted to the School Counselor program, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) requires the applicant to complete, sign and return this form as directed below.

Name: _____	Student ID: _____
Certification: School Counselor	

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 below items 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 at:

http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Investigations/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 at:

http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Investigations/Preliminary_Criminal_History_Evaluation-FAQs/

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

a. Disciplinary Policy Guidelines

http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Investigations/Disciplinary_Policy_and_Mission_Statement_-_State_Board_for_Educator_Certification/

b. Educator Discipline – FAQs

http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Investigations/Educator_Discipline_-_FAQs/

Roles and Responsibilities of an Educator

Initial next to the item below to confirm you have read and understand the roles and responsibilities of Texas educators:

____ I understand the roles and responsibilities of a teacher from reading, "7 Things to Know Before Becoming a Teacher" at: <http://www.uhcl.edu/education/forms-information/form-files/7-things-to-know-before-becoming-teacher.pdf>

Applicant Signature

Date

Return completed form to the Counseling program by email (mscounprog@uhcl.edu) or fax (281-226-7526).



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