

CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK

Student Housing

If a student applies for on-campus housing, UTSA is entitled to check the student's criminal history record. If information contained in the record is used to deny on-campus housing to the student, the student will be notified.

The College of Education and Human Development

The College of Education and Human Development (COEHD) prepares educators and professionals for fields that require fieldwork, internship, practicum, service-learning, and/or clinical teaching. Placements occur in educational, clinical, healthcare facilities, hospitals, and/or medical settings that require a criminal background check. UTSA is required to inform students of the requirements set forth by the Texas Occupation Code, Chapter 53, Sections 53.001 through 53.105 (<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/OC/htm/OC.53.htm>).

All COEHD prospective students in a licensure or certification program are required to acknowledge that they have been made aware of these requirements and that they have read the COEHD Criminal History Policy (<https://education.utsa.edu/professional-preparation/teacher-certification.html>). For more information and to complete the acknowledgment form, please visit the Office of Professional Preparation and Partnerships in the College of Education and Human Development.

Educator Certification

In accordance with state law, the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) may suspend or revoke an educator's certification or refuse to issue certification for a person who has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor for a crime that is directly related to the duties and responsibilities of the teaching profession (Texas Occupation Code, Section 53.021).

The Department of Social Work

Some field practicum sites for the Master of Social Work (<https://hcap.utsa.edu/social-work/current-students/>) may require background checks of social work students prior to placement and may require the student to obtain this report themselves. The outcome of this action may result in a student being accepted or denied by the field practicum setting. Students may be responsible for covering the cost of the background check, depending on the agency.