

Authorization for Criminal Background Check

Odessa College has contracted with HIRERIGHT, a background check and compliance management company, to verify certain information contained in your application for admission to the Teacher Certification program. The information requested below is necessary to comply with federal and state regulations. This information is a part of the application for admission to the Teacher Certification Program and will be used for the sole purpose of verification of information and/statements made by you.

Failure to disclose any criminal background information will result in dismissal from the program.

Please complete all information requested:

Applicant's Legal Name:

Last Name _____ **First Name** _____ **M.I.** _____

Current Home Address:

Street City _____, **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Month/Date/Year

Residential History: List all residential addresses in the last 7 years

Years at address: _____**Street City, State, Zip**_____
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Notification: To obtain your teaching certification, you must be in a school as a teacher of record, or clinical teaching experience, and having ***a criminal history may keep you from employment or clinical teaching.*** According to H.B. 1498 (TEC21.917), Texas school districts will run a Criminal Background Check (CBC) to obtain criminal history information on every employee, candidate for employment, and observer in schools. **The State Board for Educator Certification will also run a fingerprint check when you request probationary, intern, or standard certification. A criminal history may disqualify your participation in a school district and from acceptance into the Teacher Certification Program. You are eligible for a pre-determination of teacher certification by consulting the Texas Education Agency at**

[http://tea.texas.gov/Texas Educators/Investigations/Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation-FAQs/](http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Investigations/Preliminary_Criminal_History_Evaluation-FAQs/)

APPLICANT CONSENT: I understand and agree that Odessa College will verify all of the information I have given. I understand that this verification may include any inquiry into my criminal and civil records, prior employment, as well as other public record information. I authorize release of such information as may be necessary to verify the information I have provided. I release and hold harmless from all liability any individual or entity requesting or supplying information with respect to my application to the teacher certification program. I understand that Odessa College may deny me admission to a program that involves minor children if I have a pertinent misdemeanor or felony conviction.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____