

## Acknowledgement of Criminal Background Check Requirement

*Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 5610 specifies that all students wishing to enter approved teacher training programs in Tennessee shall be required to submit to a criminal background check.*

In order to comply with TCA 49-5-5610, all students pursuing a Master of Science in Education- Counseling degree and any school counseling candidate seeking candidacy admission into an approved Education Preparation Program (EPP) must agree to:

1. Release all investigative records to the administrator of the selected educator preparation program;
2. Supply a fingerprint sample and submit to a criminal history records check performed by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation; and
3. Sign an authorization and release form provided by the department or board authorizing a qualified Tennessee licensed private investigation company by and on behalf of the board to complete a criminal history records check.

### Student Acknowledgement (initial on each line)

\_\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge that I will be required to pass a criminal history background check via the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation prior to being assigned to any field placement as required by the College of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences Graduate Program. Additional information and instructions for obtaining the required background check can be found on the Education Preparation Program website at <http://www.utm.edu/departments/ess/criminal.php>.

\_\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge that I may be denied candidacy admission if I have been convicted of any of the criminal offenses as outlined by the Rules of the Tennessee Board of Education 0520-2-4-.01 policy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

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Date

Name of student (PRINTED, please) \_\_\_\_\_

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Term enrolled

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Verified by Educ Grad Office

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Date Verified