College of Education, Health and Behavioral Sciences
Office of Education Student Services

Criminal Background Check Policy

According to Tennessee law, every student MUST obtain a Criminal Background Check prior to admission to the UT Martin Educator Preparation Program and any in-school observations. This Background Check MUST be conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). There are two exceptions to this rule:

1. The teacher candidate is currently employed in a school system and can provide a copy of the background check in accordance with above guidelines OR

2. The teacher candidate has had a “Child-Related Worker Private” TBI Background Check in the last calendar year and can provide a copy of the Background Check. (Example: Today is September 28, 2014: Student A had a background check on September 28, 2009, she can utilize it; Student B had a background check on September 27, 2013, she cannot utilize it).

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