

Texas Wesleyan University Teacher Education Program Disclosures

Texas Wesleyan University expressly discloses the following:

1. As a provider of teacher education programs, Texas Wesleyan University must ensure its students demonstrate adherence to the Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators, which requires the observance of federal and state law. An arrest, indictment, conviction, and/or deferred adjudication may result in a student being dismissed from the program.
2. While Texas Wesleyan University does not perform criminal history background checks, Texas public schools are permitted by state law to conduct criminal history background checks on a person intended for hire or a person who has requested a volunteer position. As a participant in field experiences or clinical teaching in a Texas public school, you will be subject to a criminal history background check and must be able to provide the documentation to run the check in order to continue in the program.
3. Admission of a student to the Texas Wesleyan University Teacher Education Program and student participation in the program does not constitute a guarantee the student will be accepted into a field experience or clinical teaching placement in a Texas public school. Failure to participate in field experiences may prevent a student from completing the Texas Wesleyan University Teacher Education Program and obtaining teacher certification from the Texas State Board for Educator Certification.
4. Admission of a student to the Texas Wesleyan University Teacher Education Program and student participation in the program does not constitute a guarantee the student will pass the required exams for certification. The Texas Wesleyan University Teacher Education Program is designed to adequately prepare students to pass their certification exams; however, the student is responsible for making sure they are prepared for the certification exams.
5. Texas Wesleyan University does not perform criminal history background checks. However, you will be subject to a criminal history background check by the Texas Education Agency when applying for Texas teacher certification. An applicant with a significant criminal history may be denied certification. The State of Texas will make all final determinations as to whether a candidate is eligible for teacher certification.
6. Texas Wesleyan University is only approved to prepare candidates for teacher certification in the State of Texas. If you decide to seek certification in another state prior to or after obtaining Texas teacher certification, the Texas Wesleyan University Certification Officer will assist you with any necessary documentation required by that state regarding the coursework, field experiences, and/or certification completed while you were a student in the Texas Wesleyan University Educator Preparation Program. Texas teacher certification does not guarantee automatic teacher certification in another state. Final determination of the requirements needed to obtain certification in another state (including criminal history background check) will be determined by the appropriate certifying agency in that state.

If you are unsure about whether a past offense will affect your ability to become a certified teacher, go to the link below for additional information about requesting a preliminary background check.

[Texas Educator Agency Investigations Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation-FAQs/](#)