



COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION

UIC Criminal Offenses Acknowledgement

Acknowledgement: Applicants will be asked to acknowledge they have read and agree to this document in the Candidacy Application.

Certain types of criminal convictions, including but not limited to Class X felonies, certain sexual offenses, and certain narcotics/drug offenses (see attachment of the Criminal Offense List) may prevent candidates from early field work and student teaching, internship, or final practicum, obtaining licensure from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), and/or employment in a school, school district, or agency in the state of Illinois. A list of offenses can be found below.

When you complete the Illinois State Police (ISP) and/or FBI background check, a “hit” will appear for every time you were charged, whether or not you have been convicted, unless you have gone through additional court proceedings for expungement or possibly if the case was thrown out of court.

Criminal Offense List: The following list of felony offenses may disqualify a person from professional educator licensure by ISBE. **THIS LIST IS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE IN NATURE.** The Council on Teacher Education makes no representations as to the accuracy of this list. As such, if you are concerned about a particular type of criminal conviction, you should contact ISBE directly to inquire further.

- Solicitation of murder (720 ILCS 5/8-1.1)
- Solicitation of murder for hire (720 ILCS 5/8-1.2)
- Attempt to commit first degree murder (720 ILCS 5/8-4(1))
- Attempt to commit a Class X felony (720 ILCS 5/8-4(2))
- First Degree murder (720 ILCS 5/9-1)
- Drug induced homicide (720 ILCS 5/9-3.3)
- Any Class X felony, including:
 - Aggravated kidnapping (720 ILCS 5/10-2)
 - Aggravated Battery (720 ILCS 5/12-4.3)
 - Home Invasion (720 ILCS 12-11)
 - Armed Robbery (720 ILCS 18-2)
 - Aggravated Discharge of Firearm/Police Officer (720 ILCS 5/24-1.2)
 - Armed Violence (720 ILCS 5/33 A-2)
 - Heinous Battery (720 ILCS 5/12-4.1)

- Aggravated battery with a firearm (720 ILCS 5/12-4.2)
- Aggravated Battery of a child (720 ILCS 5/12-4.3)
- Home invasion (720 ILCS 5/12-11)
- Aggravated vehicular hijacking (720 ILCS 5/18-4)
- Aggravated arson (720 ILCS 5/20-1.1)
- Unlawful use of weapons (710) 5/24-1(a)(7)(i)*
- Unlawful use or possession of weapons (720 ILCS 5/24-1.1)*
- Aggravated discharge of a firearm (720 ILCS 5/24-1.2(a)(3),(a)(4),(a)(5),(a)(6))
- Unlawful discharge of metal piercing bullets (720 ILCS 5/24-3.2)*
- Treason (720 ILCS 5/30-1)
- Bringing contraband into a penal institution*
- Unauthorized bringing of contraband into a penal institution by an employee*
- Contributing to the criminal delinquency of a juvenile*
- Certain Sex Offenses, including:
 - Indecent solicitation of a child (720 ILCS 5/11-6)
 - Indecent solicitation of an adult (720 ILCS 5/11-6.5(a)(1)(i))
 - Public indecency (720 ILCS 5/11-9)
 - Prostitution (720 ILCS 5/11-14)
 - Soliciting for a prostitute (720 ILCS 5/11-15)
 - Soliciting a juvenile prostitute (720 ILCS 5/11-15.1)
 - Pandering (720 ILCS 5/11-16)
 - Keeping a place of prostitution (720 ILCS 5/11-17) r10.05
 - Keeping a place of juvenile prostitution (720 ILCS 5/11-18)
 - Patronizing a prostitute (720 ILCS 5/11-18)1
 - Pimping (720 ILCS 5/11-19)
 - Juvenile pimping (720 ILCS 5/11-19.1)
 - Exploitation of a child (720 ILCS 5/11-19.2)
 - Obscenity (720 ILCS 5/11-20)
 - Child pornography (720 ILCS 5/11-20.1)
 - Harmful material (720 ILCS 5/11-21)
 - Criminal sexual assault (720 ILCS 5/12-13)
 - Aggravated criminal sexual assault (720 ILCS 5/12-14)
 - Predatory criminal sexual assault of a child (720 ILCS 5/12-14.1)
 - Criminal sexual abuse (720 ILCS 5/12-15)
 - Aggravated criminal sexual abuse (720 ILCS 5/12-16)
 - Ritualized abuse of a child (720 ILCS 5/18-2)
- Certain offenses under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act involving cocaine, PCP, heroin, and cannabis (720 ILCS 570/(all convictions), and
 - Possession of cannabis (720 ILCS 550/4(c), (d), (e), (f), (g))
 - Manufacture or delivery of cannabis (720 ILCS 550/5 (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g))

- Cannabis trafficking (720 ILCS 550/5.1)
- Delivery of cannabis on school grounds (720 ILCS 550/5.2)
- Casual delivery of cannabis (720 ILCS 550/6)
- Delivery of cannabis to persons under 18 years of age (720 ILCS 550/7)
- Calculated criminal cannabis conspiracy (720 ILCS 550/9)
- Any offense committed or attempted in any other state or against the laws of the United States, which, if committed or attempted in Illinois, would have been punishable as one or more of the foregoing offenses.

¹Convictions under 720 ILCS 5/11-17.1 would only prohibit employment if they resulted from a second or subsequent violation of this provision.

*Only under certain circumstances do convictions under these provisions prohibit employment. If a conviction under this provision is at issue, the Illinois Criminal Code or an attorney should be consulted.

**Note that under the pertinent School Code provisions, the conviction record received pursuant to the criminal background check mandate must be kept confidential and may be shared only with the District's Superintendent of Schools, Regional Superintendent, State Superintendent of Schools, State Teacher Certification Board, or other person necessary to the hiring process. The School Code also requires that the job applicant be provided a copy of their criminal conviction record obtained from the Illinois Department of State Police.

