

NOTIFICATION FOR STUDENTS PURSUING A LICENSE

Occupational License

Please be advised that Texas A&M offers many programs that lead to an occupational license as defined under Texas Occupations Code 58.001. Licensing authorities may have guidelines concerning prior criminal convictions that would make an individual ineligible for issuance of a given license. Applicants are encouraged to review all eligibility requirements related to degrees resulting in a license. Note the following:

- An individual who has been convicted of an offense may be ineligible for issuance of an occupational license.
- Licensing authorities must establish and make available guidelines explaining why a particular offense is considered a basis for ineligibility for a particular license and other criterion that may affect the decision to grant or withhold a license.
- Local or county licensing authorities may establish additional guidelines related to criminal history. Applicants should contact their local or county licensing authority for more information.
- An individual has the right to request a criminal history evaluation letter regarding their eligibility for a license issued under Texas Occupations Code 53.102.
- Questions related to eligibility requirements should be directed to the individual licensing authorities.

Professional License or Certification

U.S. Department of Education regulations, 34 CFR 668.43 (a) (5) (v) (<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/11/01/2019-23129/student-assistance-general-provisions-the-secretarys-recognition-of-accrediting-agencies-the/#p-981>) and 34 CFR 668.43 (c) (<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/11/01/2019-23129/student-assistance-general-provisions-the-secretarys-recognition-of-accrediting-agencies-the/#p-987>) require disclosures by institutions regarding educational requirements for programs leading to professional licensure or certification, regardless of modality. 34 CFR 668.43(a)(5)(v) requires an institution to disclose whether programs leading to professional licensure or certification meet each state's educational requirements. As published in the NC-SARA manual (Section 5.2) (https://nc-sara.org/sites/default/files/files/2022-08/SARA_Policy_Manual_22-1_6-27-2022.pdf), NC-SARA also aligns their requirements with the U.S. Department of Education regulations regarding professional licensure programs. The Department of Veterans Affairs have also released final regulations (https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/01/18/2023-00556/modifications-of-approval-requirements-for-courses-designed-to-prepare-individuals-for-licensure-or/?utm_source=federalregister.gov&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=subscription+mailing+list) regarding Professional Licensure or Certification. For more details about programs at Texas A&M University that lead to professional licensure or certification to include state/territory determinations and requirements, please refer to Texas A&M University Professional Licensure and Certification (<https://registrar.tamu.edu/Our-Services/Curricular-Services/Curricular-Processes/Professional-Licensure-Certification-Requirements/Texas-A-M-Professional-Licensure-and-Certification/>).