

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

Notice to students pursuing programs that may lead to a professional license or certification required for employment.

Texas A&M offers programs that may lead to careers in which a professional license or certification is required for employment. Professional licensure/certification requirements vary from state to state, which may affect a student's ability to apply for a professional license/certification upon the completion of the program.

34 CFR 668.43(a)(5)(v) ([https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/part-668/section-668.43#p-66843\(a\)\(5\)\(v\)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/part-668/section-668.43#p-66843(a)(5)(v))) and 34 CFR 668.43(c) ([https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/part-668/section-668.43#p-66843\(c\)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/part-668/section-668.43#p-66843(c))) 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) ([https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/part-668/section-668.43#p-66843\(a\)\(5\)\(v\)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/part-668/section-668.43#p-66843(a)(5)(v))) requires an institution to disclose whether programs leading to professional licensure or certification meet state's educational requirements. Specifically, the regulation requires a list of States where the institution has determined, including as part of the institution's obligation under 34 CFR 668.14(b)(32)(ii) ([https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/part-668/section-668.14#p-66814\(b\)\(32\)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/part-668/section-668.14#p-66814(b)(32))), that the program does and does not meet such requirements.

In accordance with 34 CFR 668.14(b)(32) ([https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/part-668/section-668.14#p-66814\(b\)\(32\)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/part-668/section-668.14#p-66814(b)(32))), Texas A&M University must certify that programs leading to licensure or certification satisfy applicable state educational requirements in the State of Texas and where students enrolled in distance education are located at the initial time of enrollment or where the student attests they intend to seek employment. Therefore, we cannot enroll students in distance education programs from a state where we have determined that the curriculum

does not meet professional licensure/certification requirements or where we have yet to make a determination.

Each state board, agency, or department has the ultimate authority and discretion to determine whether professional licensure or certification will be issued. We recommend students contact the appropriate state licensing agency in the state where they intend to work to seek the most up-to-date information about state licensure/certification requirements before beginning the program.

For more details about programs at Texas A&M University that lead to professional licensure or certification, including state/territory determinations and requirements, please refer to Texas A&M Professional Licensure and Certification Programs (<https://registrar.tamu.edu/curricular-services/programs/professional-licensure-and-certification/licensure-and-certification-programs/>).