CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AFFIDAVIT

In accordance with Texas Education Code 22.083, an examination of each school counselor-in-training’s criminal history will be conducted prior to participation in school counseling internship. Criminal history record information, which includes both conviction and arrest records is obtained either through the district where the student will be doing field-based work, or by the individual student before any field work can be started. An independent school district (ISD) or other school field-based entity may deny placement of students with a criminal background. The student’s clearance for field-based work is the prerogative of the ISD or participating entity, and not UTSA. If a student is unable to obtain a field-based placement due to their criminal history, the student will not meet UTSA’s requirements for recommendation of School Counselor certification. If a student cannot complete 600 hours of school counseling internship because of their criminal history, the student will be required to withdraw from the program.

**Student signature required before admission to the SCCP.**

My signature below indicates I understand I must have a clear criminal history in order to complete the 600 school counseling internship hours required in the SCCP. My signature indicates that to the best of my knowledge, I will have no issues or problems working in a public school or other school field-based entity when my criminal history background check is conducted by the institution where I will be placed. My signature further verifies that I understand that if I cannot complete 600 school counseling internship hours because of my criminal history, I will be required to withdraw from the program.

Student’s Printed Name: ________________________________ Date: ____________________
Student’s Signature: ___________________________________