

West Chester University Professional Education Unit

Temporary Summer 2020 Policy Requiring Criminal Background Clearances for Enrollment in Field Experience Courses

- For field classes holding video observations, clearances are not required.
- For field classes utilizing online tutoring or other online interaction with children NOT in collaboration with a school or school district, up-to date **PA State Police Criminal Record check and PA Child Abuse clearances** are required. See definition of up-to-date clearances below.*

The FBI fingerprinting clearance dated on or after May 1, 2018 will be accepted for Summer sessions 2020 only and **must** be accompanied with a PDE 6004 Arrest/Conviction Report and Certification Form if the FBI clearance is older than one year from date of issue by the end of the last day of class. This does not apply to the **PA State Police Criminal Record Check and PA Child Abuse clearance**. A TB test is not required. This is a temporary allowance due to current circumstances associated with the Covid-19 pandemic.

- For field classes utilizing online tutoring or other online interaction with children IN collaboration with a school or school district, background clearances must meet the up-to- date definition below.*

**For the purposes of this policy, up-to-date background clearances are defined as having an issue date (1) preceding the first day of a semester in which a candidate participates in a field-based observation, practicum, or student teaching experience, but (2) no earlier than one year before the last day of the semester during which a candidate participates in that field-based experience.*