Criminal Records

Students may be required by their field agency to complete a Criminal Record Check (C.R.C.) with both state and federal law enforcement. Students will need to complete this check (if requested to do so) in order to have their placement confirmed. Most agencies pay for this process. However, some do not and if this is the case, the student will be expected to incur the expense.

It is quite possible that students who have a criminal record, will not be accepted for an internship with some, if not most or even any, of our approved field placements. Students who do have a record are, therefore, encouraged to talk with the field education coordinator as soon as they begin their field application process. This allows the student to consider how they may enter ethically into the placement process regarding past convictions. Please note that ALL students with a criminal record are required to discuss this with their matched field placement personnel prior to accepting any field placement offer and therefore, this must happen no later than April 15th of the spring prior to fall enrollment in the field.

Reasonable efforts will be made to match the student successfully with a field agency, however; the Department of Social Work cannot guarantee that students with a criminal record will be able to enroll in the required field experience course, and, thus, will not be able to complete their degree.