

Criminal Occurrence Security Check / Criminal Record Check / Vulnerable Sector Screening

MANDATORY Criminal Occurrence Security Checks / Criminal Record Checks (COSC/CRC), with the additional requirement of the vulnerable sector check, are mandatory for ALL Teacher Candidates.

All Teacher Candidates registered for Field Practicums have to submit an original copy of their CRC and Vulnerable Sector Screening Check to the College of Education – Field Office by dates that are specified for each practicum. It can sometimes take up to two weeks to get a check finalized so please see to this process 3 weeks before the submission due date.

1. The criminal occurrence security check / criminal record check (COSC/CRC) must be an original document that is dated within six months of the start date for field practicums and includes a vulnerable sector check.
2. You will not be allowed to enter a school for field practicums without a passed COSC/CRC delivered to the appropriate location.
3. COSCs/CRCs can be obtained from the local city police or the RCMP in your area, and take about two weeks to process by these groups. Field office staff suggest that teacher candidates request three originals so that you can retain some for future use.
4. The costs for the COSC/CRC are to be paid by the applicant.
5. **Verbal reporting of any new criminal charges must be done (no later than two working days after being charged) to the Director of Education or their designate and this report must be followed immediately by a written report outlining the charges.** Relevant circumstances may be included so that the Director or a designate can investigate further.

If You Have a Criminal Record

Teacher candidates with a criminal record are advised to seek advice as to whether they will be eligible to do field practicums or teach once they graduate. You are advised to apply for a record suspension as soon as possible. Further information regarding eligibility to receive certification and application for a record suspension can be found at:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/parole-board/services/record-suspensions.html>