



SAN DIEGO STATE
UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM

APPLICATION AFFIDAVIT

Certificate Of Clearance: California state regulations require a review of the credential candidates' personal and professional fitness prior to field placement in schools. The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) operationally defines this fitness as being free from a record of legal offenses. This involves fingerprinting and the state's review of your legal files. In SDSU's School Psychology Program, students begin doing practicum hours in the fall of their first year and therefore are required to possess a Certificate of Clearance before they can be placed in schools. In light of this, we require that you provide a California Certificate of Clearance or a California teaching credential upon admission to the program. The clearance process takes at least a couple of months, however, in some circumstances it can take many months. Therefore we urge you to apply as soon as possible.

To obtain information on the Certificate of Clearance, review the CDE website at <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/how-to-apply.html> . It answers many questions regarding the application process as well as explains criteria that *may* prevent you from obtaining the Certificate of Clearance. In particular, review the Character and Fitness Questions in Section 4 of the **Character Identification and Clearance form (form 41-CIC)** located at: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/leaflets/414.pdf>. If you have been convicted of a crime (such as driving under the influence) this *may delay (but not necessarily prevent)* you from obtaining a Certificate of Clearance. Therefore, if your application falls into this category, early application for clearance is essential and we recommend that you contact the program director to assist you in the process.

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Please indicate one option:

- A copy of my California Certificate of Clearance or teaching credential is included in application packet.
- My California Certificate of Clearance is in process. Date application was sent: _____
- Other: _____

I understand that if I am accepted into the program I must also submit proof of a negative Tuberculosis test before the field experience starting in the first semester.

I hereby certify on my honor that all statements, transcripts, and other information submitted with this application are true and correct; and that all personal statements are my own work. I understand that falsification, misleading, or deliberate omission of information is grounds for rejection of the application or dismissal from the Program.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Applicant's printed name