

Self-Reporting of Alleged Criminal Misconduct

Teacher Education students **MUST** report any alleged criminal misconduct charge they receive after their SING background check is completed. This is true regardless of where the alleged criminal misconduct occurs: on campus, off campus, in state or out of state. Failure to report one's alleged criminal misconduct may result in the discharge of the student from UNI's Teacher Education Program.

What is "criminal misconduct"?: Criminal misconduct includes alleged violations of federal, state, or local laws; any charge other than parking or speeding violations. This includes a deferred judgment or sentence, and offenses that occurred when the student was a minor. More examples of "misconduct" are outlined under IX: Student Conduct Policies of UNI's Student Conduct Code, <https://policies.uni.edu/302>.

How do I report alleged criminal misconduct?: The student will need to schedule a self-reporting meeting with Jenny Connolly, the Director of the College of Education Advising and Teacher Success Office. This meeting will be a discussion of the alleged misconduct and the impacts that it could have on the student's eligibility for the Teacher Education program.

Reporting timeline: Students must report any alleged criminal misconduct as soon as possible to avoid any repercussions with eligibility for the Teacher Education program.

Review Committee: Self-reported misconduct will be reported to and discussed with Jenny Connolly, the Director of the College of Education Advising and Teacher Success Office. Severe misconduct will be reported to the Teacher Candidate Professional Review Committee, composed of appointed Teacher Education faculty and staff.

Appeal: If an appeal is necessary, the student should follow the appeals procedure outlined in the [TCPR Handbook](#), which includes contacting the Associate Dean of Education.

Disclosure of alleged criminal misconduct: Details of the alleged criminal misconduct will not be shared with any third party but will be accessible to UNI Teacher Education authorized personnel.