Clearance Information Packet

Start clearances right away do not procrastinate! Clearances can take up to 3 – 7 weeks to process.

Office of Partnerships, Professional Experiences, and Outreach
Shippensburg University
1871 Old Main Drive
Shippen Hall 354
Shippensburg, PA 17257

Phone number: 717-477-1487
Fax number: 717-477-4012
E-mail: fieldexperiences@ship.edu
Kelly Ile – Administrative Assistant
Taylor Bigler - Director

Submit clearances using any of the methods below:

Submit your completed clearance packet to the OPPEO Office located in Shippen Hall 354.

Scan your completed clearance packet as a PDF format and email fieldexperiences@ship.edu

Fax the completed clearance packet to COEHS at 717-477-4012.

Mail your completed clearance packet to:

Shippensburg University
1871 Old Main Drive
Office of Partnerships, Professional Experiences, and Outreach
Shippen Hall 354
Attn: Kelly Ile, Administrative Assistant
Shippensburg PA 17257

Important Information About Your Clearances

Clearances are not good for 5 years when you are a student! Clearances must be current and up to date!

Required Clearances for Teacher Education:

- 1. Cover Sheet (See instructions for link.)
- 2. Child Abuse Clearance (Act 151- See instructions for link. Example in packet)
 - a. Must be for EMPLOYMENT will not except volunteer.
- 3. Criminal Record Check (Act 34 See instructions for link. Example in packet)
 - a. Must be for EMPLOYMENT will not except volunteer.
- 4. Tuberculin Test (TB)
- 5. FBI Clearance (Act 114 See instructions for link and **Education Code**. Example in packet)
 - a. Must be for EMPLOYMENT will not except Human Service.
- 6. National Sex Offender Registry (See instructions for link. Example in packet)
 - a. Can take up to 7 weeks to receive in mail. Start today!
- 7. Arrest/Conviction Report (Act 24 See instructions for link. Example in packet)
- 8. Professional Liability Insurance (See instructions for link. Example in packet)
- 9. Handbook Acknowledgement Form (See instructions for link. Example in packet)
- 10. Mandated Reporter Training (Act 126) required for **all students** (See instructions for link)

Programs Requiring Clearances

- Education students and other majors enrolled in education courses that require a field placement. Must submit clearances.
- Art K-12 Certification Program
- C&I Graduate Program
- Dual Cert Program (PreK-4 and Special Ed.)
- Foreign Language K-12 Program
- Mid-Level Program (Grades 4-8)
- PreK-4 Program
- Secondary Certification Programs (Grades 7-12)
- Special Education Graduate Program
- STEM MAT Program
- Any other program requiring field hours in an early childhood/elementary, middle, or high school.
- Disability Studies minors who are not part of another program on this chart.

Important Notes

- Please read this information thoroughly to ensure your understanding of the requirements and procedures outlined within this "Clearance Information Packet".
- Due to confidentiality guidelines, the OPPEO cannot fax, email or mail clearances to students, school district, or other educational institute or business.
- There may be additional clearances requested depending on the class you are enrolled in or the organization where you may be placed.
- Monitor and read your emails for further information if additional clearances are needed.

Due Dates for Clearances

- Spring semester clearances are due on January 2. (Spring semester Student Teacher clearances are due sooner. You will receive an email with the date.)
- Fall semester clearances are due on July 1. (Fall semester Student Teacher clearances are due sooner. You will receive an email with the date.)
- Make sure your clearances are valid for the whole academic semester.
- Check start and end dates of the semesters to know when you should start your clearances.
- Watch for emails from the <u>fieldexperiences@ship.edu</u> account about clearances.
- Do not ignore emails from the Field Placement Office. If you are not sure why you are receiving the email, please ask.

Prior to Submitting Clearances

- Obtain all clearances needed to complete your packet.
- Make at least two (2) photocopies of each clearance (one to submit and one to carry with you).
- Scan all clearances into one document and store an electronic copy for yourself.
- Carry copies of all clearances with you anytime you are in school.
- OPPEO cannot fax, email, or mail my clearances to the student or any school district or any other educational institute or business. Students' responsibility to make copies of clearances and always keep them on hand. Do not leave in dorm or apartment over breaks.

Field Placement Information

- You are **not** permitted in a School District without having a complete and approved clearance packet submitted.
- Field placements are usually sent out the third week of the semester.
- You will not receive your field placement information until a complete and approved clearances packet has been submitted and approved.
- Review Field Placement Handbook.
- https://www.ship.edu/globalassets/coehs/field_experience/packet/field-placementhandbook.pdf

Link To Clearance Submission Cover Sheet

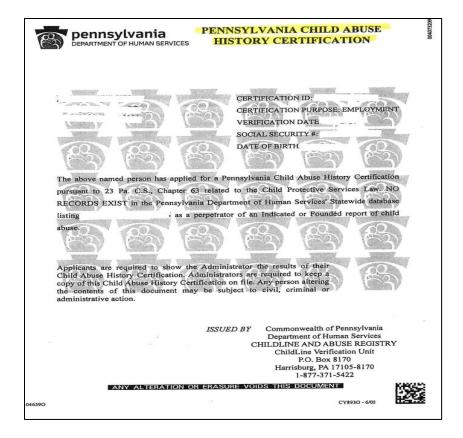
https://www.ship.edu/globalassets/coehs/field_experience/packet/clearance-submission-cover-sheet.pdf

Pennsylvania Child Abuse Clearance (Act 151)

NOTE: Must be for **EMPLOYMENT!** Volunteer versions of the Child Abuse Clearance will not be accepted by our school districts!

- Act 151 must be valid through the last day of the field experience/student teaching semester.
- The processing of this clearance may take up to 3-4 weeks so plan accordingly.
- Child Abuse clearance can be obtained online at https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home
- Students must check "School Employment Governed by Public School Code" under Application Purpose
- Login or Create an Account
- Step-by-Step PowerPoint Instructions/Directions are available at: https://www.ship.edu/globalassets/coehs/field_experience/packet/act-151-pennsylvania-child-abuse-powerpoint.pdf
- Follow directions and you will receive results via e-mail; you will be able to print the results.

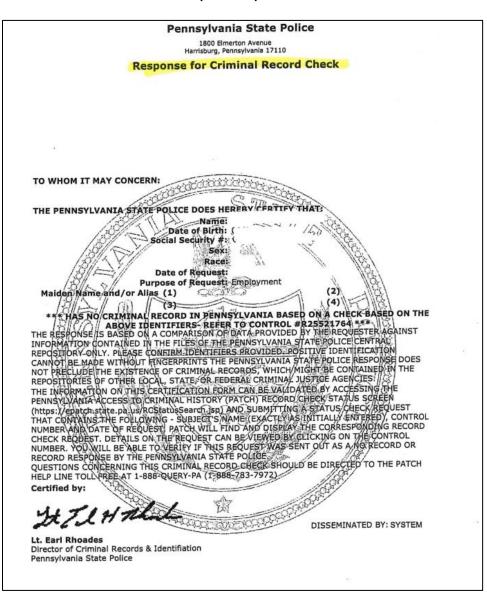
Example of Pennsylvania Child Abuse Clearance (Act 151)



NOTE: Must be for **EMPLOYMENT**! Volunteer versions of the Criminal Record Check Clearance will not be accepted by our school districts!

- May take 2-4 weeks to be processed so plan accordingly.
- Criminal Record Check can be obtained online at https://epatch.pa.gov/home
- Click Submit a New Record Check, Accept the Terms and Conditions, Individual Request, Reason for Request EMPLOYMENT
- Step-by-Step Power Point Instructions/Directions are available at: https://www.ship.edu/globalassets/coehs/field_experience/packet/act-34-criminal-history-powerpoint.pdf
- Applicants make sure you print the "official" Certification Form.

Example of Criminal Record Check (Act 34)



Tuberculin (TB) Test

TB Test must be valid through the last day of the field experience/student teaching semester.

Some school districts may require a yearly TB test. (Example: EEC 273 Franklin Learning Center) This will be managed on an individual basis. Once you have been assigned to a field placement, if you learn that your district requires a yearly TB test, please contact the Office of Partnerships, Professional Experiences, and Outreach.

- Valid for two years from date of test unless otherwise requested. (1 year for Franklin Learning Center.)
- TB tests are available through your primary care physician or Etter Health Center on campus.
- For TB testing information and times at Etter Health Center (717-477-1458), visit http://www.ship.edu/health_center/
- The TB Test verification form must include the student's name, date of test, and the
 test results, date results were read and the physician's name on the report.
- The TB Test Form can be found at: https://www.ship.edu/globalassets/coehs/field_experience/packet/physician-certification-form-for-tb-test.pdf
- Example of TB Test form on page 7 Do not have to use this form if your doctor's office provides all the information in the example.



Physician Certification Form for TB Test

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Student's name	<u></u>
Student ID	
Telephone number	
Birthdate	
Tuberculosis Test Result. Must be read in r must follow the CDC guidelines.	millimeters and interpretation
Date applied:	
Date read:	
Result:(mm)	
Interpretation: Pos or Neg	
I certify that to the best of my knowledge the info and true.	ormation above is full, complete,
Physician Signature	 Date
Physicians Name (Print)	
Name of Practice	
Address	
Phone	

FBI Clearance (Act 114) - (For Education Only - Code 1KG6RT)

Act 114 must be valid through the last day of the field experience/student teaching semester.

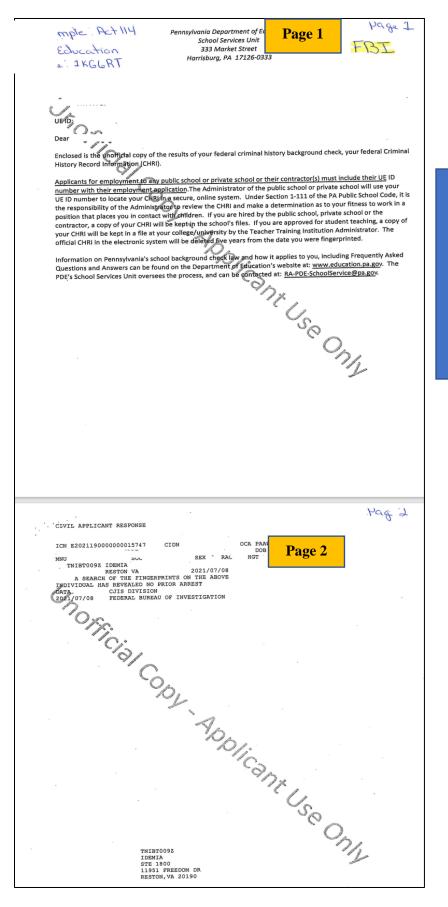
Important Note: If for some reason you are not able to print your results the OPPEO can view your results when you provide the UEID# located on the receipt. The OPPEO can only view results that have used the Education Code.

Our office will not accept clearances from The Department of Human Service code.

- It may take **4 weeks** to receive your clearance results so plan accordingly.
- You must be registered with IdentoGO at: https://uenroll.identogo.com/
- Enter Service Code 1KG6RT prior to having your fingerprinting done.
- Step-by-Step Power Point Instructions/Directions are available at: https://www.ship.edu/globalassets/coehs/field_experience/packet/act-114-fbi-clearance-powerpoint.pdf
- You will receive an email with a link to view your "unofficial" results. When you open
 this link, PRINT and SAVE/SCREENSHOT the results because you may not be able to
 access this page again.

See examples of FBI clearance on Page 9. Must submit both pages 1 and 2.

Example of FBI Clearance (Act 114) - Fingerprinting



For Education ONLY

Code: 1KG6RT

National Sex Offender Registry Verification - Takes 7 weeks to get back

- Check Individual working for a Regulated Childcare Provider.
- Make sure you enter your complete mailing address. The certificate is mailed to you.
- Your signature must be handwritten, and you must enter your complete mailing address.
- Scan the completed application and email to RA-PWNSOR@pa.gov
- In the subject line of the email type NSOR Verification Last Name, First name.
- It can take 7 weeks to receive a certificate in the mail.
- No cost for this clearance. Make sure you email the application to the email address in the instructions below.
- Link to National Sex Offender Registry Verification Form: https://www.ship.edu/globalassets/coehs/field_experience/packet/national-sex-offender-clearance-form.pdf

Example of National Sex Offender Registry Verification

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	STATUS D	DATE:	
	The Penn	nsylvania Clearance Verification Unit processed your National Sex Offenders Registry nand based on 45 CFR 98.43:	
	X	YES, according to 45 CFR 98.43, you can work for or reside in a regulated Child Care Provider or facility.	
		NO, according to 45 CFR 98.43, you cannot work for or reside in a regulated Child Care Provider or facility.	
	Verification	request a duplicate copy of this letter from the Department of Human Services, Clearance on Unit in writing using the address listed below. The verification is valid for five years date of printing. If you are questioning the accuracy of this response, contact the e Verification Unit at 1-877-371-5422.	
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CY 1001 5 4/21		Office of Children, Youth and Families ChildLine and Abuse Registry ChildLine Clearance Verification Unit P.O. Box 8053 Harrisburg, PA 17105-8053 1.877.371.5422 F: 717.525.5455 www.gdgs.gap.gov	

Act 24 Arrest/Conviction Report and Certification Form

Act 24 no cost for this clearance but must be done each year.

If anything changes, you must notify us within 72 hours.

- Must be signed with written signature and date each year. Form is returned once complete to the Office of Partnerships, Professional Experiences, and Outreach – Shippen Hall – Room 354.
- Form is available online at http://www.ship.edu/globalassets/coehs/field_experience/act_24_and_act_82_arr_est_and_conviction_report_form.pdf
- Form is also available in the Office of Partnerships, Professional Experiences, and Outreach Shippen Hall Rm 354.

Example of Act 24 Arrest/Conviction Report and Certification Form

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ARREST/CONVICTION REPORT AND CERTIFICATION FORM (under Act 24 of 2011 and Act 82 of 2012)				
Section 1. Personal Information				
Full Legal Name:				
Other names by	Date of Birth:/			
which you have been identified:				
	Section 2. Arrest or Conviction			
By checkin	ng this box, I state that I have NOT been arrested for or convicted of any Reportable Offense.			
	ig this box, I report that I have been arrested for or convicted of an offense or offenses enumerated under I-111(e) or (f.1) ("Reportable Offense(s)"). See Page 3 of this Form for a list of Reportable Offenses.			
	Details of Arrests or Convictions			
	For each arrest for or conviction of any Reportable Offense, specify in the space below (or on additional attachments if necessary) the offense for which you have been arrested or convicted, the date and location of arrest and/or conviction, docket number, and the applicable court.			
	Section 3. Child Abuse			
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Professional Liability Insurance

Liability Insurance must be valid through the last day of the field experience/student teaching semester.

NOTE: For Fall semester you cannot buy next year until April 1st.

<u>Insurance</u> is mandatory for all students. You only need to pick one insurance.

- If you can purchase the number of years left in the program, it is most cost effective.
- Student membership in PSEA or KEYTA provides this insurance.
- PSEA Join online at https://www.psea.org/about-psea/how-to-join/student-registration/
- KEYTA Join online at https://www.keyta.org/protection/membership-classifications/
- Submit the email you receive showing the membership dates.

Mandated Reporter Training (Act 126)

 The free and PDE recognized Mandated Reporter Training can be completed at https://www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu/

Must submit copy of certificate with your clearances. Save a copy for your own records!

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ACT 126 MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING LINK

"Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse: Mandated and Permissive Reporting in Pennsylvania" Online Training



https://www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu/

- This training is required for all student teachers and some students in certain lower-stage courses.
- Remember to save and submit your certificate with your clearance cover sheet.
 This training is free and PDE-recognized!
- Whether you have had this training or not, when you enter a classroom, YOU are a mandated reporter
 and must report any and all abuse in a timely (immediate) fashion.
- If you need assistance calling Childline, come to our Office and we will support you in the process.

Handbook Acknowledgement Form

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Office 717-477-1487 Fax: 717-477-4012



Acknowledgement of Field Placement Expectations

(To be submitted with your Clearance Cover Sheet)

As an education major at Shippensburg University, I understand that there are many responsibilities to which I must attend in order to successfully complete the program and become a certified teacher in the State of Pennsylvania. I have read the Field Experience Handbook carefully and understand the content. I have read the guidelines concerning clearance requirements, dispositions, field experience procedures, and the tracking of those field experiences. I understand that I must be proactive and timely as I work to comply with the necessary field requirements outlined in this handbook to be eligible to continue through the program. Failure to do so may result in removal from the teacher education program.

I understand that I will have access to privileged and confidential information while participating in field experiences. I agree to maintain confidentiality and professionalism in all circumstances relating to the people I meet in the field, the school districts with which I participate, and the information and data with which I am entrusted. This statement of confidentiality encompasses all communication venues including on-line media such as email, Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, blogs, etc. I recognize the appropriate channels by which I can communicate concerns relating to my participation in the field. I understand that the director of the OPPEO, my department chair, or education faculty/supervisors are all appropriate professional resources and will welcome my questions and concerns. Because the consequences of breaching confidentiality are potentially very costly to the individuals involved and to the education program, I understand that my failure to abide by this statement may result in removal from the teacher education program.

My signature below signifies my understanding and willful compliance with the policies and procedures established in this handbook, as well as the overall expectations of Shippensburg University and the Pennsylvania State Department of Education.

Printed Name:	Major:			
Student ID #:	Anticipated Graduation Semester:			
Student Signature:	Date Signed:			
For OPPEO Use:				
Date Submitted to Office:	_			
Notes:				