

**\*\*A SIGNED COPY OF THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT MUST BE ON FILE FOR ALL HEALTH SCIENCE APPLICANTS – return to the Health Sciences Admissions Office\*\***

**Criminal Background Checks for Health Sciences Students**

Clinical education is a vital component in the training of health sciences students. The college maintains a formal clinical affiliation agreement with each facility where students are sent for clinical instruction. Facilities are accredited by outside agencies such as the Joint Commission and must abide by their regulations. In the last ten years requirements that had previously been applied to employees only are now applied to students. These requirements may include health and immunization requirements, personal health insurance, mandatory HIPAA and OSHA training, criminal background checks and drug screens.

Not all facilities impose the same requirements, and these requirements may change with little or no notice. The college must comply with each facility's criteria. Students are required to maintain a satisfactory criminal background check and drug screen. Background checks and drug screens are at the student's expense. Students with unsatisfactory findings will not be allowed to participate in clinical components of the program. Inability to participate in the clinical component will result in failure of program progression and termination from the program. Background checks are conducted through Certifiedbackground.com or the school's designee. Any dispute concerning unsatisfactory background findings or drug screen will be between the student and the party providing the service. Background checks are to be completed on or before the date set by the student's individual program.

***Any*** of the following positive findings within the past seven (7) years will cause a student to be ineligible for clinical:

- Any felony conviction (class A-E)
- Any Class A1 or 1 misdemeanor conviction
- Listing on the national sex offender list
- Listing by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) disbaring individual from participation in health care programs

***Students who show any of the above findings will have a flag on their background screen and be ineligible for participation in clinical.***

Many of the facilities scrutinize the student background checks themselves and may impose stricter standards. If a facility deems that a student must be excluded from their site, the student will be unable to progress in the program. If you have any questions about this policy please contact your program director or the department chair for Health Sciences.

I have read and understand the policy for required criminal background checks as it relates to my eligibility for progression within all health science programs at CCC&TI.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

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