

BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY

Purpose: To provide for the appropriate investigation of a student's past and current history in order to:

- 1/ satisfy state of Illinois requirements
- 2/ meet facility requirements
- 3/ protect patients/clients from harm
- 4/ promote student safety during the practicum
- 5/ allow for safe and effective student practice

Potential students will be informed about background check requirements as part of the application process. They will also be informed of the need to give informed consent prior to the background check.

Potential students will be informed about the possible need for drug screening as part of the application process. They will also be told of the need to give informed consent prior to drug screening.

Enrolled students will be reminded about the need for a background check and the possible need for drug screening in orientation and prior to each clinical practicum. They will also be reminded of the need for informed consent prior to background checks and drug screening.

Enrolled students will be informed of the identity of those facilities that require drug screens prior to onset of clinical practicum