

BACKGROUND CHECKS

For the Professional Phase of the Program, students are required to have the following annual background checks: A fingerprinted Federal Criminal History Record Check (FCHR), a Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check (PATCH), a Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, and a comprehensive background check performed by Universal Background Screening. All costs incurred in complying with these checks are the responsibility of the student.

A student who does not have a clear background check may be denied access to hospitals and/or clinical rotations. This may affect his or her ability to complete the program. A background check which is not clear may also affect one's ability to sit for the PANCE, obtain professional licenses, or institutional privileges. In an attempt to schedule clinical rotations, any information found on these checks will be disclosed to clinical facilities and preceptors. Background checks which reveal a felony offense may result in denial of admission and/or dismissal from the program.