REQUIRED BACKGROUND CHECK

All students entering one of the College’s Health Professions Programs are required to submit for a Civilian Criminal Records check. This requirement is made by the health care agencies that are used for clinical experiences during the program under the guidelines cited in the current Florida Statutes and affiliation agreements.

Any student who is arrested while in one of the Health Profession Programs, must within 5 class days, notify the Dean of Nursing and Health Professions and submit to a second background check. Failure to do so may result in dismissal.

Any student who has been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication; or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, any offense under the provisions of Florida Statutes, as listed below, or under similar statute of another jurisdiction will be required to request an Exemption from Disqualification from EACH clinical agency that the student may be assigned to during the program. If an exemption is not allowed by any one of the clinical agencies, the student will be unable to complete the requirements for the health professions program and will not be allowed to progress in the program.

Lists of Offenses (but not limited to):
   (a) Section 415.111 relating to adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation of aged persons or disabled adults.
   (b) Section 782.04 relating to murder.
   (c) Section 782.07 relating to manslaughter.
   (d) Section 782.071 relating to vehicular homicide.
   (e) Section 782.09 relating to killing an unborn child by injury to the mother.
   (f) Section 784.011 relating to assault, it the victim of the offense was minor.
   (g) Section 784.021 relating to aggravated assault.
   (h) Section 784.03 relating to battery, if the victim of the offense was minor.
   (i) Section 784.045 relating to aggravated battery.
   (j) Section 787.01 relating to kidnapping.
   (k) Section 787.02 relating to false imprisonment.
   (l) Section 794.011 relating to sexual battery.
   (m) Chapter 796 relating to prostitution.
   (n) Section 798.02 relating to lewd and lascivious behavior.
   (o) Chapter 800 relating to lewdness and indecent exposure.
   (p) Section 806.01 relating to arson.
   (q) Chapter 812 relating to theft, robbery, and related crimes, if the offense is a felony. (See 812.014, 812.016, 812.019, 812.081, 812.133, 812.135, 812.14, 812.16).
   (r) Section 817.563 relating to fraudulent sale of controlled substances, only if the offense was a felony.
   (s) Section 826.04 relating to incest.
   (t) Section 827.03 relating to aggravated child abuse.
   (u) Section 827.04 relating to child abuse.
   (v) Section 827.05 relating to negligent treatment of children.
   (w) Section 827.071 relating to sexual performance by a child.
   (x) Section 847 relating to obscene literature.
   (y) Chapter 893 relating to drug abuse prevention and control, only if the offense was a felony or if any other person involved in the offense was a minor.

All records must be sent directly from the agency to the Dean of Nursing and Health Professions and will be kept in a confidential file and not made a part of the student’s college records. No other faculty or staff will have access to the records without the written permission of the student. These records will become the property of the College when submitted and will NOT be available for copying or for use to meet the requirements of outside employers. All applicants also are required to disclose prior arrests on the program application. Failure to disclose information or falsifying the application may result in dismissal from the health professions program.

Backgrounds checks must be completely redone if the student is out of a nursing or health professions program for two major semesters or more. The cost of this additional check will be at the expense of the student.