

Policy of the Division of Physical Therapy regarding criminal background check and drug testing for clinical affiliations

A new 2005 Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations standard expands all faculty and students' prescreening requirements to be the same as the hospital's requirement for their employees. Some clinical education sites are requiring criminal background checks and drug screens on all affiliating students before participating in a clinical rotation. Most settings require that the criminal background check and drug screen be performed within one month of affiliating with the clinical setting. The approximate cost for a private vendor to perform the criminal background check and drug screening is \$50.00. You will need to set aside funds for a maximum of 6 criminal background checks and drug screens in order to complete the required clinical rotations.