

Criminal Background Check (CBC)

A criminal background check must be completed by each student as a condition of admission. The purpose for completing a criminal background check is to meet the requirements of UNCW's clinical agency partners to participate in clinical practicums.

Current statute of limitation: If students maintain continuous enrollment, they generally will not be required to repeat a background check unless a clinical site specifically requires an updated report. All applicants to the School of Nursing must submit a statewide criminal background history for all states of residency during the past seven years. A student having had residency in more than one state in the past seven (7) years must submit statewide criminal background histories for each state of residency during that period. International students are required to submit an international criminal background history. Any change from the student's initial criminal background history must be reported to the School of Nursing. Failure to report any change will result in withdrawal of acceptance to the program. Information received from the student's criminal background history will become part of the student's confidential academic file.

Criminal background check reports are typically completed within ten working days (depending on the number of residences and volume of information covering the seven year period that need to be researched). At any time a student can access, view and print his/her completed, confidential report via their online account. The Office of the Director and Student Success Services can access and view online the current status of a student's report. School officials will evaluate the CBC check report to clear students for practicum experiences. Any questionable incidents on the CBC will be addressed individually.

Negative 12-panel Urine Drug screen

A drug screen is required by many of UNCW's clinical agency partners so all applicants are required to complete a drug screen. If students maintain continuous enrollment, they will not be asked to repeat a drug screen by the majority of clinical agencies. Some agencies, however, may establish different timeframes for their drug screening and it is possible that some students will be required to be screened more than one time.

As a final step in the process students must visit a nearby lab collection site. A Medical Review Officer (MRO) consults confidentially with any student that tests positive to verify if there is a valid medical explanation. Complete and accurate results are typically available within 48 hours. At any time a student can access, view and print his/her completed confidential report results from their online account.

The report must be issued from a National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) approved laboratory. The Panel must include Amphetamines (AMP), Barbiturates (BAR), Benzodiazepines (BZO), Cocaine (COC) Metabolite, Marijuana (THC), Methadone (MTD), Methamphetamine (mAMP), Ecstasy (MDMA), Opiate (OPI), Phencyclidine (PCP), Propoxyphene (PPX), and Oxycodone (OXY).