UA Cossatot

Criminal Background Checks
Prior to Admission

Students applying for admission or re-admission to a medical program (LPN/OTA/RN/PTA) will be required to complete criminal background check(s). The rationale for criminal background checking is due diligence and competency assessment of students whose assignments bring them in contact with clients or employees. Most licensing entities require a criminal background check as a part of the licensure application process. This means that all students who receive a "conditional" acceptance letter will undergo this process prior to admission and may be required to repeat the process again when applying for licensure.

The process of conducting the background checks will be arranged with an independent vendor company. Students who are cleared through this process will be deemed "compliant" and receive an "unconditional" letter of acceptance allowing the student to proceed into the program. Students with the following convictions within the last seven years will not be allowed to enter the program:

1.) Felony convictions

2.) Misdemeanor convictions or felony deferred adjudications involving crimes against persons (physical or sexual abuse)

3.) Misdemeanor convictions related to moral turpitude (prostitution, public lewdness/exposure, etc.)

4.) Felony deferred adjudications for the sale, possession, distribution, or transfer of narcotics or controlled substances

5.) Registered sex offenders

Although UA Cossatot has an open admission policy, students who apply to a medical program may be denied clinical opportunities based on their criminal background history.

UA Cossatot reserves the right to stand by its criminal background procedure and does not have the obligation to find a student clinical space in the event the student is denied a clinical opportunity by the facility.

OTA/PTA Students Only: Students with a positive background check or criminal history may contact the certification and/or licensing board to petition a declaratory order for eligibility to take the certification exam and/or licensure. This should be done prior to enrolling in pre-requisites for specified medical programs.

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