

## **Background Check and Health Screening Policy**

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All students who enter the Wake Forest School of Medicine PA Program will be required to undergo health screenings to be completed prior to matriculation and prior to beginning supervised clinical practice experiences. Additional drug screens or health screenings may be required to address any concerns for meeting technical standards. This may incur additional costs to the student. Conclusions of any health screenings should indicate that the student continues to meet technical standards. If the student does not meet technical standards, this could disrupt the timeline and/or ability of the student to participate in program curriculum.

A signed background check authorization form will be obtained from each applicant who has accepted an offer of admission to the program. The charge for this will be covered by the deposit paid by the student on acceptance to the program. The offer of admission is conditional upon results of the background check and health screening. Additional background checks may be required by specific clinical sites on supervised clinical practice experiences. This may incur additional costs to the student.

The health screenings may include review of required immunizations, color vision screening, FitTesting, Tb testing, and drug screening.

The criminal background check includes but is not limited to the following:

- a National Sex Offender Registry search
- a determination of areas of residence for the past seven years through a social security number check
- a state and local (county)-level search based on areas of residence for the past seven years for:
  - all levels of criminal offense
    - all types of adjudications
    - all legal processes not yet resolved
    - all types of offenses

Should the background check yield any criminal information, the offer of admission or continued enrollment in the program may be revoked.