

**Nova Southeastern University
College of Osteopathic Medicine**

Policy:	Background Checks
COM Program/Degree:	Osteopathic Medicine Program/D.O.
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The Background Checks policy has changed. The original policy, which can be found on pages 75-76 of the 2019-2020 COM Student Handbook, is replaced with the following, with additions in red:

Background Checks

Certain programs at the NSU Health Professions Division require students to submit to background checks. Accepted applicants and students in such programs are required to authorize the NSU Health Professions Division to obtain background check(s) as per adopted policy of March 2011. If the background check(s) reveal information of concern, which the NSU Health Professions Division may deem unfavorable, HPD will request that the individual provide a detailed written explanation of the information contained in this report, along with appropriate documentation (e.g., police reports). Students may also be required to authorize clinical training facilities that they are assigned to by the Health Professions Division to obtain a background check with the results reported to the clinical training facility. Students with questions concerning background checks should contact their respective college and/or academic program for more information.

For programs which require students to submit to background checks, offers of admission will not be considered final until the completion of the background check(s), with results deemed favorable by the NSU Health Professions Division, and where appropriate, by the clinical training facilities. If information received in connection with a background check indicates that the student has provided false or misleading statements, has omitted required information, or in any way is unable to meet the requirements for completion of the program, then the student's admission may be denied or rescinded, the student may be disciplined or dismissed, or his or her enrollment may be terminated.

Acceptance to an NSU Health Professions Division program does not guarantee that a student with information of a concern will be accepted by clinical training facilities to which they may be assigned.

Students enrolled in the NSU Health Professions Division have a continuing duty to disclose any arrest, conviction, guilty or no contest plea, or participation in a pretrial diversion program, or its equivalent, for any criminal offense. Students are required to notify their dean's office within 10 days of any arrest or subsequent conviction, guilty, or no contest plea, or participation in a pretrial diversion program, or its equivalent, for any criminal offense.