

Clinical Course Requirements for Undergraduate Students

16. Background Checks

East Tennessee State University requires background checks for all students entering programs in the Health Sciences. This is to ensure a safe clinical environment for both students and the public and to meet the contractual requirements of area healthcare facilities. This is a mandatory requirement before beginning nursing classes.

Students are required to self-report to ETSU College of Nursing Office of Student Services and all assigned clinical agencies for any criminal infraction (arrest or charge) occurring after the initial background check. At that time, the clinical agencies will determine student participation in clinical. The clinical agency will communicate in writing with the ETSU College of Nursing Office of Student Services of the clinical decisions. Failure of the student to self-report subjects the student to immediate dismissal from the nursing program.

Students with discrepancies on background checks must complete NRSE 4621, Professional Practice Practicum and NRSE 4062, RN Practicum at agencies in which he/she has received clearance.

East Tennessee State University has partnered with TrueScreen to manage this requirement.