



Master of Science
Physician Assistant Studies

Criminal Incidents, Background Checks and Drug Screening

Responsible Party	Pfeiffer University
Minimum Review Frequency	Annual
Associated Forms	None
ARC-PA Associated Standards	N/A
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Requirement to Report Criminal Incident

Students are required inform their Faculty Advisor and/or the Program Director of any interaction with the police resulting in an arrest or being brought before the criminal justice system within fifteen (15) days of the incident. This requirement is independent of whether or not there is a conviction involved. Failure to report any incident will result in a referral to the Academic and Professional Performance Review Committee (APPRC) for unprofessional behavior. Disciplinary actions may include dismissal from the MS PAS Program.

Criminal Background Checks/ Drug Screening

If a felony conviction occurs between the date of submission of the CASPA application and matriculation into the PA Program, the specific details including: (1) date of charge(s), (2) type of offense, and (3) disposition of the case, must be reported to the Program Director's office immediately.

Any felony convictions that occur subsequent to matriculation or at any time during your enrollment in the program must also be reported immediately providing the aforementioned information.

Failure to comply will be grounds for dismissal from the MS PAS Program.

During the clinical phase of the program, students will be required to undergo one or more national criminal background checks, which may include finger printing. Supervised clinical practice experience (SCPE) sites may require additional background checks, fingerprinting, and/or drug screening for students who are assigned at those institutions. Students are responsible for all expenses related to meeting additional drug screening, and background documentation required by the SCPE site. A criminal record or failure to pass a drug screen will result in a referral to the APPRC, and may result in the student's dismissal from the program; if this occurs, tuition and fees will not be refunded.

By accepting admission to the program, a student agrees to submit to national criminal background checks, as well as drug screening: and pay any associated expenses.

Review

This policy will be reviewed at the annual program retreat.