

Criminal Background Check Policy

Many states and health care agencies require criminal background checks for students serving in area health care agencies. In response to these requirements, The RN to BS in Nursing Program at Eastern Illinois University has established a policy requiring criminal background checks for all nursing students.

Pertinent information about the criminal background check includes the following:

- All nursing students must have criminal background checks.
- Each student must have a criminal background check completed prior to beginning a clinical nursing course (NUR 3303, 4106, and 4506)
- One criminal background check must be completed every two years
- Access to clinical facilities may be denied based on information from the criminal background check.
- The cost of the criminal background check will be paid by the student.
- Criminal background check information will be maintained with the students' file in a secure location within the Nursing Program office. This information is considered confidential and will not be released from the department. The student may review this information by requesting a review of the file. Photo identification will be required to obtain access to the file.