

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK
NOTICE TO STUDENTS AND TRAINEES

As of August 12, 2005, the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents approved a policy requiring that Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso (TTUHSC El Paso) obtain criminal background checks (CBC) for students and trainees in the various clinical training programs in order to protect healthcare patients. In addition, affiliated institutions which provide training sites to TTUHSC El Paso students and trainees routinely require that programs such as those sponsored by TTUHSC El Paso comply with requirements imposed on their employees by The Joint Commission or similar accrediting standards. Thus, TTUHSC El Paso is not able to place students or trainees at these affiliated institutions unless the students and trainees have undergone a CBC.

The CBC will be used in determining the eligibility, character and fitness of the student or trainee in relation to the educational, training and licensure requirements of their program. The cost for performing any and all CBCs will be the responsibility of the student or trainee. The criminal history record information will be obtained via the student's or trainee's self-disclosure and a CBC conducted by an outside vendor. This confidential information will be provided to TTUHSC El Paso and will be accessible to only those persons with a legitimate need-to-know.

Refusal to consent to a CBC as and when deemed necessary by the respective TTUHSC El Paso sponsored program shall preclude students or trainees from beginning or continuing their education or training at TTUHSC El Paso, i.e., it shall result in the immediate dismissal of those persons already matriculated/enrolled, and will cause TTUHSC El Paso to withdraw its offer of admission to applicants who have not yet matriculated/enrolled.

I have read this document and I understand that I shall be required to undergo a mandatory CBC. I also understand that any determination of ineligibility for clinical training, as determined by the specific educational or training program in which I am enrolled, shall result in my dismissal from that program and from TTUHSC El Paso.

Accepted by:

Signature

Date

Printed Name