

Health Requirements/ Background Checks / Drug Testing

Nursing students are required to complete a series of clinical learning experiences in order to successfully meet the learning outcomes of their program of study. Prior to participating in clinical learning experiences, students are required to complete health and immunization requirements, a criminal background check and a drug test by the published deadlines. Each clinical facility has policies regarding required health documents, possible convictions and potential drug use that may bar students from being accepted at the facility for clinical placement. If a student is not accepted to an assigned placement because of their health or immunization status, the findings of a background check or drug screen, UConn School of Nursing does not guarantee an alternate clinical placement. School of Nursing policy dictates that students who are unable to complete clinical requirements for any reason will be subject to dismissal from the program. The procedure for completing a criminal background check and a drug test is done through the American DataBank Company. Please note that each student is responsible for covering the costs for the health requirements, background check and the drug screen. If you have any questions or concerns related to the background check or drug screen, please contact the student support team at support@americandatabank.com or call 1-800-200-0853. The process of obtaining a nursing license in Connecticut and many other states may involve consideration of an applicant's criminal history or other conduct (see [Connecticut license application](#)). Criminal convictions and/or a record of certain other conduct may prevent a nursing student/graduate from being licensed and may preclude the nursing graduate from obtaining gainful employment as a nurse. Applicants to UConn School of Nursing are encouraged to determine, prior to matriculation, the licensure requirements in the state(s) in which they intend to practice.