

Criminal Records Check and Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS)

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FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Faculty of Health Sciences: Records Check and Vulnerable Sector Screening

The University of Western Ontario does not require a Criminal Records Check or other screening procedure (e.g., Vulnerable Sector Screen {VSS}) as a condition of admission into its programs in the Faculty of Health Sciences. However, prospective students should be aware that a criminal records check or VSS may be required by

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other facilities used for clinical or co-op placements or experiences related to an academic course assignment. It is the **student's responsibility** to have the necessary procedure completed. In some programs students **will not be permitted access** to such courses without having completed this requirement.

Students will share VSS or record check information directly with the facility or agency for which they have been assigned a placement and may, if they wish, disclose results to their School or Program. Students unable to complete a clinical requirement of their program because they are unable to meet a facility's requirement for such a screening, or because a facility refuses to accept them on the basis of the information contained in the record check or other screening procedure, **will not be eligible for progression or graduation**. Those students enrolled in an internship placement, clinical practice placement or co-op as a course requirement **may not be able to pass the course** if they have no

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programs, students will not be permitted access to such courses without having completed this requirement.

Students will share VSS or other record check information directly with the facility or agency for which they have been assigned a placement and may, if they wish, disclose the results to their Program Coordinator/King's University College.

Students unable to complete a placement requirement because they are unable to meet a facility's requirement for such a screening, or because a facility refuses to accept them on the basis of the information contained in the record check or other screening procedure, will not be eligible for progression or graduation. Those students registered in a placement as a course requirement may not be able to pass the course if they have not met an agency's requirement, or if the agency refuses to accept them on the basis of the information contained in the record check or other screening procedure. Students should check with their Program Coordinator for details as to the policy on course access and to the time frame within which a screening must be completed.

Catholic Studies for Teachers: Vulnerable Sector Screening

Neither The University of Western Ontario nor King's University College requires a Criminal Records Check or other screening procedure (e.g., Vulnerable Sector Screen [VSS]) as a condition of admission into the Catholic Studies for Teachers program. However, prospective students should be aware that a criminal records check, VSS, and or medical tests, may be required in order to take part in the school field placement. In such cases, it is the student's responsibility to have the necessary procedure(s) completed. Students will not be permitted access to such courses without having completed this requirement.

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