

BACKGROUND CHECKS

It is the policy of Health Career Institute to require a background check for each prospective student entering an EMS program. This is because some clinical agencies/hospitals require students to undergo criminal background checks prior to placement in the agencies for clinical experiences. Background checks are usually mandatory at the time of employment when entering the EMS profession as well. For these reasons, Health Career Institute will make this policy known to all prospective students before acceptance into an EMS program.

Students whose drug screening and/or criminal background checks are deemed unsatisfactory may be denied access to clinical experiences by the clinical agencies. Failure to qualify for and meet clinical requirements at clinical sites may prevent completion of program. Withdrawal from the program may be necessary if students cannot be placed for clinical experience. The cost of the background check and drug screen is borne by the student. Students who are unable to complete the clinical requirements due to background checks after acceptance into the EMS programs are not eligible for refunds.

If there is a record of conviction of a crime The Florida Department of Health Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), will determine an Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic graduate's eligibility for certification when there is an arrest/conviction record. Students should contact the Bureau of EMS for information regarding state regulations.

I certify that I have been advised and understand the above background check information.

Printed Name

Date

Signature