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Re: Mandatory Requirement for Police Records Check Vulnerable Sector Check for McMaster University Faculty of Health Sciences Incoming and Returning Students

Please note that students entering clinically based programs in the Faculty of Health Sciences include:

Child Life & Pediatric Psychosocial Care
Midwifery Education Program
Occupational Therapy Program
Physician Assistant Education Program
Physiotherapy Program
Postgraduate Nursing Program
Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner
Speech-Language Pathology Program
Undergraduate Nursing Program
Undergraduate Medical Program

and are required to complete a Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC), which is a mandatory requirement for their unpaid clinical placements.

Location(s): McMaster University/Children's Hospital, Hamilton Health Sciences, distributed campuses and affiliated clinics in the Hamilton area and/or various sites in Southwestern Ontario (actual placement sites not determined until the start of term)

Population: Children and adults with disabilities or health concerns

Care Provision: Primary and tertiary clinical care

If a student receives an electronic copy of their VSC directly from their Police Services, they are to submit the electronic copy via our website link (Sharefile) or forward to fhsprof@mcmaster.ca.

If a student receives a paper copy of their VSC from Police Services, they are to mail the original copy to the Professionalism Office (see address above). If the student would like the original copy be returned to them, they are to include a self-addressed stamp envelope (SASE) with their mailed submission. Be advised that VSCs are not returned unless submitted with a SASE.

For requests to the Toronto Police Services or for further information please refer to our website https://fhs.mcmaster.ca/pcbe/police_records_check.html.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.



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