

# Drug Screens and Background Checks

All students are required to submit to a criminal background check and drug screen upon matriculation and prior to the start of the clinical rotation year. Students are also subject to additional background checks and drug screens at any time during their tenure in the Program. All students may be subject to additional background checks or security measures per clinical site requirements. These measures may include, but not be limited to, fingerprinting and drug screening. Refer to “Criminal Background Checks” for additional information.

## Positive Drug Screening Results

Students who do not pass a required drug screen may face disciplinary action, including administrative withdrawal from courses, placement on a leave of absence, or dismissal from the Program. Students may be referred for evaluation and treatment through the Colorado Physicians Health Program (CPHP) or another designated program as a condition for remaining in the Program. Costs incurred are the responsibility of the student.

Students found to have a substance abuse problem that will likely pose a danger to patient care, as determined through the drug screening evaluation process, will be referred for independent evaluation and treatment at the student's expense.