

Background Check Notification

- A. Texas State Board of Pharmacy Internship requirement – The Texas State Board of Pharmacy rules allow for an undergraduate student enrolled and having successfully completed 30 hours towards a professional degree in pharmacy to be designated as a “student pharmacist intern”. Hours earned by this process may NOT replace the school – based internship program hours. Please note that the Texas State Board of Pharmacy (“TSBP”) requires each prospective internship student to apply for a TSBP – issued internship card before beginning any internship experience. TSBP’s application process includes a TSBP – administered criminal background check. Any past negative disciplinary or criminal history could constitute a basis for TSBP to deny a student from obtaining a TSBP internship card, thereby preventing the student from completing this institution’s pharmacy program.

- B. Texas Southern University College of Pharmacy Experiential Program – Advanced Practice Experiences are defined as a structured, college – directed teaching and learning experience whereby the student applies the knowledge of pharmacy to patient care in a practice setting that allows the student to develop and demonstrate the skills required for professional practice. Please note according to contractual arrangements with various healthcare facilities, a student must meet the specified requirements before he or she is permitted to participate in the experiential program. Students who fail to comply with these requirements may not be allowed to participate in pharmacy practice experiences, which may impact or delay the student’s graduation.
 1. Immunizations – Students are required to have appropriate immunizations before beginning practice experiences.
 2. CPR Training – All students are required to complete training and become certified in adult and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation/basic life support (CPR/BLS) for the healthcare professional prior to beginning practice experiences.
 3. Health insurance is a requirement for all students participating in experiential experiences. The insurance must cover inpatient and outpatient services for injuries sustained or diseases contracted while on experiential experiences. Proof of this coverage must be provided to the Office of Experiential Training prior to beginning experiential experiences.
 4. Drug Screening – Practice sites may request drug screens. Information obtained in drug screens may inhibit students from completing practice experiences thus delaying or hindering graduation.
 5. Background checks – The college is required to provide information background checks, drug screenings and/or social security, driver’s license and employment verification of each student participates in practice experiences at our affiliate’s institutions.

Students will be assessed a fee to cover the cost of the background check. Any disqualification of a student by a practice facility could prevent the student from undertaking practice experiences that are required to complete the pharmacy program at Texas Southern University.