

Criminal Background Study

Minnesota Statutes require that the Department of Human Services (DHS) conduct background studies on individuals providing direct contact services to people receiving services from facilities and agencies licensed by DHS and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Direct contact is defined as providing face-to-face care, training, supervision, counseling, consultation, or medication assistance to people receiving services from the agency or facility.

An individual who is disqualified from having direct contact with persons served by the program as a result of the background study, and whose disqualification is not set aside will not be permitted to participate in a clinical placement (Internship) in facilities with programs subject to licensure under Minnesota statutes. This is to protect the health, safety, and rights of persons served by those programs. Failure to participate in a clinical placement required by the academic program will result in ineligibility to qualify for a degree in this program. The Department of Human Services determines disqualification, and the Department of Human Services will inform an individual of this report.

Students initiate a background study at the start of their final year in the MLT Major prior to identification of a work setting for a clinical placement. Students are charged a \$20.00 fee for this background study upon registering for the Clinical Practice course.