



University of Saskatchewan, School of Physical Therapy
MEMO - Criminal Record Check (CRC) and Vulnerable Sector Search (VSS)
Requirement for Clinical Practicum Courses

Requirement for submission of a CRC/VSS for post-secondary health sciences students is a provincial policy, implemented by the Saskatchewan Academic Health Sciences Network as of January, 2014. All health regions in Saskatchewan now require this of students engaged in experiential learning in their public health facilities.

“The Regional Health Authorities (RHA) Saskatchewan Cancer Agency (SCA) recognizes that post-secondary students participating in clinical placements within their agencies are in a position of public trust. Therefore to insure a level of public trust, post-secondary students participating in clinical placements are required to complete a Criminal Record Check (CRC).” (*SAHSN Clinical Placement Agreement, 2014*)

Any students with a prior CRC/VSS the standard requirement is that **this must have been completed no earlier than 6 months prior to start of the program, (ie. no earlier than 6 months prior to the start of the Master of Physical Therapy program).**

Students will not be allowed into Saskatchewan health regions’ facilities for clinical placements without a CRC/VSS. As students in the Master of Physical Therapy program are assigned to clinical visits in the first three weeks of the program, **they are required to complete a CRC/VSS BEFORE starting the program and SUBMIT this documentation on or before July 31, 2017.** This must be submitted in electronic format to pt.admissiondocuments@usask.ca.

Copies of these records will be kept in secure, confidential storage. Students should keep their original copy as facilities sometimes ask to see proof of same while engaged in clinical placements. For further information on this policy see the [School of Physical Therapy policy](#) on the website.