

INCOMING STUDENT BACKGROUND CHECK INFORMATION

A background check is required by the University for all incoming students. Your acceptance of our offer of admission affirms that you have 1) read this Background Information Sheet, 2) understand your obligations regarding submission of a background check and, 3) to update the Office of Student Admissions with subsequent information. **These must be completed prior to new student orientation and your matriculation to SUNY Upstate Medical University.**

CURRENT UPSTATE EMPLOYEES: If you completed a background check when hired as an employee of Upstate University Hospital, you **MUST** still submit an incoming student background check. Student and employee records are separate entities.

ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: Incoming international students are not required to submit the SUNY Upstate "My Certified" background check, as a background check is required for the Visa application process. Please contact our [International Student Advisor](#) with any questions about this requirement.

College of Graduate Studies - MS degree students must complete an incoming student background check through [CastleBranch](#).

- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, MS
- Cell and Developmental Biology, MS
- Microbiology and Immunology, MS
- Pharmacology, MS

College of Health Professions - Applicants must complete an incoming student background check through [CastleBranch](#).

- Behavior Analysis Studies, MS
- Clinical Perfusion, MS
- Medical Biotechnology, BS
- Medical Imaging Sciences, BS/BPS
- Medical Technology, BS/MS (including MedScholars & MEDPREP)
- Physician Assistant, MS
- Physical Therapy, DPT
- Radiation Therapy, BS/BPS
- Respiratory Care, BS

Norton College of Medicine - Starting January 1st, the AAMC will directly reach out to accepted medical students via email to initiate the background check process through [Certiphi Screening, Inc.](#)

- MD
- MD/MPH
- MD/MBA
- MD/PhD

For more details please visit: <https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/article/criminal-background-check-service/>

MD Transfer Applicants - Applicants must complete an incoming student background check through [CastleBranch](#).

MPH Degree Program & Certificate of Advanced Study in Public Health (CASPH) - Applicants must complete an incoming student background check through [CastleBranch](#).

College of Nursing - Applicants must complete an incoming student background check through [CastleBranch](#).

- RN to BS--Bachelor of Science
- PMCT-Post Masters Certificate
- BS to DNP-Bachelors to Doctor of Nursing Practice
- DNP-Doctor of Nursing Practice