

University of Maryland School of Pharmacy Notification Regarding Criminal Background Checks And Drug Testing

The University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP) does not require a criminal background check or drug testing for admission. In many cases, UMSOP's academic requirements involve placement at multiple off-campus training sites, such as hospitals and other institutional settings. These off-campus experiential sites routinely require students to undergo and pass a background check and, in some cases, drug testing. This notice is to make you aware of the requirements.

More and more hospitals and other experiential training sites are requiring criminal background checks and drug tests to protect the safety of patients and other persons at these facilities, and to ensure the confidentiality of patient information. State licensing boards, may require a criminal background check prior to granting a license. Each training site sets its own standards for a background check and drug testing and typically conditions placement at the site on passing the check. You may also be asked by the training site to pay the cost of the background check and drug testing. You may have to complete more than one criminal background check and drug test during the course of your program, depending on the requirements of each site.

If you fail a site's criminal background check or drug test, you may be unable to complete your course requirements. It is important for you consider this before you enroll. The School has no obligation to refund your tuition or fees, or to accommodate you in the event that you fail a background check or a drug test and, as a result, are unable to complete your course requirements or are denied a license to practice pharmacy.

You are responsible for maintaining your background check information. UMSOP does not retain background check reports.

If you have questions about the information in this notice, please contact:

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Associate Dean, Student Affairs
University of Maryland School of Pharmacy
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Baltimore, MD. 21201
410-706-7653

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand this notice about having to undergo one or more criminal background checks and drug testing to complete a program at the School of Pharmacy. I understand a criminal record or failure to pass a background check or drug test for another reason may interfere with my eligibility to complete the experiential training requirements of my program at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy and my eligibility for licensure.

Name (Please print): _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____