

BACKGROUND STUDY REQUIREMENT

Minnesota State Law requires that any person who provides services that involve direct contact with patients, residents or clients in a healthcare facility or other organizations have a background study conducted by the state. An individual who is disqualified from having direct patient/client contact as a result of the background study will not be permitted to participate in clinical rotations, fieldwork, practicums or internships. Failure to participate in a clinical rotation required by the academic program could result in ineligibility to qualify for a degree in that program. Students are responsible for maintaining a copy of their background study clearance and providing it to their clinical site if requested. The State of Minnesota charges a \$20.00 fee for the online application plus an additional \$9.10 for fingerprinting. All students must complete a background study application through St. Catherine University *even if they have completed a background study through another entity*, such as their place of employment. The Minnesota background study will be valid throughout the student's time in the program and does not need to be renewed.