

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

All applicants to the VCU School of Medicine who receive an acceptance will have a criminal background check performed by Certiphi Screening Inc. If there is a positive finding the applicant will be notified by Certiphi first; this will allow the applicant to make corrections to the report and verify the information. If there is no change in status Certiphi will then notify VCU of their positive findings. VCU's criminal background committee will meet to discuss the applicant's Certiphi report to determine if acceptance is to be withdrawn. The school encourages full disclosure at all times on the AMCAS and supplemental applications, as dishonesty will impact the committee's decision. If an applicant has a legal finding or institutional action against them after the supplemental application is submitted they should notify the school's admissions office immediately. Once an applicant is matriculated, full disclosure is also required throughout the student's time in medical school. Criminal background checks are repeated for all students at the end of the second year and for specific program participations throughout medical school.