

College of Pharmacy Policy

Nationwide background checks are conducted for students who are conditionally admitted into the College of Pharmacy (COP) professional program; and at specific points throughout the student's academic progression in the professional pharmacy curriculum as determined by COP regulations, practice requirements, and State laws and/or regulations. If the background check indicates that a student has (1) been convicted, pled guilty or nolo contendere or otherwise ordered to complete a period of probation or supervision for a misdemeanor or felony relating to any controlled dangerous substances as defined by the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act in this state, any other state, or the United States, OR (2) been convicted, pled guilty or nolo contendere or otherwise ordered to complete a period of probation or supervision for any felony of this state, any other state, or the United States, OR (3) such charges pending, the student will have until the beginning of the admission semester or rotation semester to resolve the issue. If the issue is not resolved by that deadline, the student will not be admitted to the program or allowed to continue in the program at that time. The student who is not allowed to continue in the rotational semester MAY, in the sole discretion of the Dean of the College of Pharmacy, be granted a leave of absence for one semester to address and resolve the issue. The student who is not admitted will need to resolve the issue and apply for a subsequent admission semester.

Resolution of the issue could involve: (1) providing proof that the information was in error and the background check company subsequently removes the flag; (2) that the incident was expunged from court records and the student provides documentation of such; or (3) having further legal action provided to clear up the pending issue. If the student is able to resolve the issue before the admission or rotational semester begins, they will be allowed to proceed without further question. All costs associated with resolution of these issues are the responsibility of the student.

The College of Pharmacy will not allow the student with such a record as described above to proceed with the program because no pharmacy facility shall employ any person with such a record without obtaining a waiver from the Director of the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (OBN) for every pharmacy facility that the student would utilize to complete their experiential requirements of the degree. An OBN waiver can result in increased insurance costs for the pharmacy

facility and present a long-term, negative stigma for the pharmacy facility since it will always be on file with OBN.

Obtaining experiential sites is already a challenging task without requesting special circumstances that could be detrimental to the pharmacy facility. Therefore, the COP will not require or request experiential sites to secure an OBN waiver for any student rotations.