

Addendum to Nursing Student Guidebook 2025-2026

Background Checks

A hospital requirement mandates criminal background checks on all healthcare students per The Joint Commission. To meet this requirement, all nursing students will be required to have a background check utilizing the company “CastleBranch” at www.CastleBranch.com after acceptance to the Nursing Program. **Background checks are to be renewed yearly.**

Drug Testing

All entering Nursing students are drug tested using CastleBranch for a urine drug test due to clinical requirements. **Drug testing is to be completed every year.** All students must have test results that are negative or cleared by the Medical Officer for CastleBranch. If the results are found to be positive/not cleared, the student will not be allowed to enter/remain in the program. Note: A positive marijuana result is not considered cleared even if the student has a prescription. Students who fail or withdraw from the Nursing Program and are not in the Nursing Program for one semester or longer will need to complete another drug test upon re-entry.