

May 2, 2011

Dear BScN incoming students (September 2011 Cohort):

How do I obtain a Vulnerable Populations Background Check?

The Vulnerable Populations Background Check must be obtained, at your cost, from the police service that is responsible for the area in which you are a resident.

Since the process may take 8 to 10 weeks, you should begin the process as soon as possible. We recommend that you request at least **two original copies** of the report.

Each police service has its own process. Consult the relevant police service website for information specific to you. If you reside **OUTSIDE ONTARIO OR A REGION OF ONTARIO OTHER THAN TORONTO** please apply to your local police service as soon as possible.

IF YOU RESIDE IN THE CITY OF TORONTO, PLEASE BRING TWO PIECES OF ID (ONE MUST BE A PHOTO ID) IN PERSON TO THE BLOOMBERG FACULTY OF NURSING (155 COLLEGE ST) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE DURING OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY – FRIDAY 8:45 – 4:30.

AFTER VERIFYING YOUR 2 PIECES OF ID, WE WILL GIVE YOU A SIGNED POLICE REFERENCE CHECK FORM. YOU WILL NEED TO BRING THE FORM TOGETHER WITH TWO PIECES OF ID (ONE MUST BE A PHOTO ID) IN PERSON TO THE TORONTO POLICE HEADQUARTERS (40 COLLEGE ST) TO OBTAIN A VULNERABLE POPULATIONS BACKGROUND CHECK.

Forward one original copy to the Faculty by **August 1, 2011** to the following address, and keep one copy for your own records:

Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing
University of Toronto
155 College Street, Suite 130
Toronto, ON M5T 1P8
Attention: CLINICAL PRACTICE REQUIREMENT

Why is the Vulnerable Populations Background Check required?

Clinical practice is a significant and professionally necessary component of the undergraduate BScN program. In addition to classroom settings, nursing students learn by providing direct care to vulnerable patients/clients of all ages across a wide variety of hospital and community agencies.

A requirement for entry into health care/clinical settings is a “clear” Vulnerable Populations Background Check.

All BScN students are expected to receive a “clear” Vulnerable Populations Background Check. The Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing may revoke an offer of admission, or cancel registration based on a “not clear” result.
