

Vincennes University
Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Criminal History Policy

The Vincennes University Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program participates in clinical experiences at several health care facilities. It is the policy of our clinical affiliates that all students enrolled in the PTA Program provide a criminal history report as they will be working with patients of various degrees of health and age. The fee for this report is the student's responsibility and must be obtained from an organization approved by the PTA Program. Information on how to obtain a criminal history report will be provided by the PTA Program to applicants that have been accepted to the program.

If an applicant has been convicted of a criminal offense, either misdemeanor or felony, they may be prohibited by our clinical affiliates in participating in the clinical experience. If the clinical site policy will not allow the student to enter their facility, the student will not be able to meet the requirements of the Program and will be subsequently dismissed from the program.

A prior conviction or prior criminal activity will not automatically bar the applicant from admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. The applicant may be asked to provide a detailed explanation of the convictions. The Admissions Committee will review the case and make a determination as to whether the prior criminal activity makes the applicant unsuitable for practice or unlikely to be licensed at the completion of the applicant's education. All admissions are pending review of the applicant's criminal history report.

Accepted students may be required to provide their limited criminal history information to any clinical affiliate in which they will be participating. Applicants should be aware that they may be dismissed from the Program if they are not permitted to attend clinical experiences by a clinical affiliate due to the nature of their convictions.

Vincennes University does not guarantee students clinical placement or eligibility to take the National PTA Certification Exam for graduates if there is any type of criminal history.