

BOUCHER INSTITUTE POLICY

Policy Title: Criminal Records Check

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Person(s) Responsible for Implementation & Adherence: Admissions Committee (Director of Admissions, Dean of Academics, Associate Dean of Academics, Dean of Clinical Studies, Dean of Student and Community Relations)

Related Procedure(s): Criminal Records Background Check Procedure

Related Policies: Admissions Policy

The Criminal Records Review Act started in 1996 and was originally designed to help protect children from individuals whose criminal record indicates they pose a risk of physical or sexual abuse. In 2009, the Criminal Records Review Act was expanded to help protect vulnerable adults from physical, sexual or financial abuse.

According to the British Columbia Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General;
"Registered students in a university or college with a practicum component involving work with children and the successful completion of which is a requirement for registration as a member of a governing body must provide a criminal record check authorization to the Criminal Records Review program. This authorization is done (preferably) at the time the student registers with the program."

Effective January 1, 2012, this requirement will be expanded to include any students registered in any certificate, diploma, or degree program that has a practicum involving working with children or vulnerable adults and will not be limited to those leading to membership in a governing body.

Whereas the Boucher Institute

- is committed to ensure the safety of patients and volunteers who agree to participate in the education of our students
- is committed to the standards and requirements as stipulated by the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
- recognizes our students are novice members of the naturopathic medical profession whose education and behaviour should emulate that of practicing physicians
- promotes high standards of professionalism and dedication to patient care
- is committed to providing all reasonable educational accommodations as may be necessary and are consistent with the requirements of our program

each applicant to the Boucher Institute will be required to undergo a criminal records check as outlined in the Criminal Records Review Act.

Reference: <http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/criminal-records-review/who-qualifies/index.htm#students>