

Ogden-Weber Technical College Practical Nursing Program

Background Check Policy

All students accepted to the Practical Nursing Program at Ogden-Weber Technical College must complete a criminal background check and meet edibility requirements established by the Utah Division of Professional Licensing (DOPL) and the Utah Nurse Practice Act. Additionally, a background check is required by our clinical partners to help ensure the safety and well-being of patients, residents, clients, staff, and students.

- Admission to and continued enrollment in the Practical Nursing Program requires satisfactory results of required background screening, which may include a County Criminal Records Search, Nationwide Healthcare Fraud and Abuse Scan, Nationwide Patriot Act, Nationwide Record Indicator with Sex Offender Search with Misdemeanors and Above, Social Security Alert, Residency History Search, and Employment Verification. Findings that could limit a student's ability to participate in clinical experiences or obtain nursing licensure may affect admission, progression, or completion of the program.
- Applicants listed on the Sex Offender Registry, Healthcare Fraud and Abuse Registry, Patriot Act watch lists, or Social Security Alert databases will not be eligible for admission to the OTECH Practical Nursing Program
- According to the Utah Nurse Practice Act ([58-31b-302-1](#) and [58-1-401](#)), applicants for nursing licensure must complete a criminal background check and disclose any criminal history. Felony convictions and certain other criminal offenses may affect an individual's eligibility for nursing licensure. Because licensure is required to practice as a nurse, applicants with criminal histories that may result in denial, or other action on a nursing license may not be eligible to enter or progress in the OTECH Practical Nursing Program.
- Students with a criminal history are encouraged to consider expungement prior to starting the application process.
 - To learn more about expungement visit the Utah Department of Public Safety, Criminal Identification (BCI) webpage: <https://bci.utah.gov/expungements/>
- It is strongly recommended that applicants who have been admitted into the program and convicted of any misdemeanor criminal activities discuss their eligibility status with the Utah State Board of Nursing (801) 530-6628.
 - Acceptance to the PNP does not assure eligibility for Licensure in the State of Utah. The Utah Board of Nursing makes final decisions on the issue of licensure.
- Students are required to inform the Practical Nursing Program Manager of any pending criminal charges at the time they occur (this includes charges that occur prior to beginning and while enrolled in the program).
- Students who are withdrawn from the Practical Nursing Program will not be entitled to reimbursement of tuition or costs unless the withdrawal occurs within the reimbursement period identified in the [Student Tuition, Fees, and Refunds \(530.9\)](#) policy.