UNIVERSITY OF
South Carolina
School of Medicine Columbia

Policy Title:
Background Checks

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LCME Standards
10.3 – Policies Regarding Student Selection/ Progress and Their Dissemination
10.4 – Characteristics of Accepted Student
10.6 - Technical Standards

Scope
University of South Carolina (USC) School of Medicine Columbia accepted applicants and enrolled students.

Policy Statement
A background check will be performed for each applicant upon acceptance to the USC School of Medicine Columbia and prior to starting third-year clinical rotations.

Reason for Policy
To provide applicants accepted to USC School of Medicine Columbia clarity on the background check policy.

Procedures
The background check is performed by an external vendor and is completed beginning in January for regular decision applicants in the year of their anticipated matriculation (Early decision applicants have another timeline established by American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS)). The background check is reviewed by the Manager of Admissions. If satisfactory, the background check will be saved to the applicant's file. If the applicant does not pass one or more components of the background check, the Associate Dean for Admissions may meet with the applicant to discuss the results. Upon further evaluation of the background check results, the Associate Dean for Admissions may rescind the acceptance of an applicant.

The background check will not be released to any entity, once received by the School of Medicine.

Contacts
Office of Admissions

History

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8-13-24	Drafted policy in new template