# Seamless Screening Solutions for Healthcare Students in Clinical Environments

## Introduction

A push for enhanced screening in the healthcare industry and a significant increase in the amount of data reviewed during screening processes make screening students for clinical work more complex than ever. StudentCheck provides a way to meet screening challenges head-on.

StudentCheck provides a streamlined, intuitive resource that benefits all stakeholders in the student screening process. It supports criminal background checks, drug testing, and immunization record tracking.

## Key Points

☆ The administrative burden of healthcare student screening is heavy for schools and clinical sites alike.

☆ Students require intuitive platforms and regular communication to complete screening tasks.

☆ Clinical sites need assurances that incoming clinical students meet all compliance requirements.

☆ StudentCheck offers a streamlined approach that overcomes challenges for all stakeholders in the process.

☆ More than 70,000 students are screened yearly with StudentCheck, which supports comprehensive background & health checks.

## The Problem

Schools and clinical sites share a heavy burden when attempting to facilitate internships, clinical rotations, and other opportunities for students. Typically, clinical sites like hospitals or doctor's offices vet staff via employment background checks—but student clinicians don't go through those traditional hiring processes.

Instead, schools typically take on the administrative burden of tracking students' immunization and health records. Clinical sites may also require drug testing and criminal background checks, with the burden falling on either the site or school.

Schools obviously want students to receive the required screening so they can be matched with appropriate clinical opportunities. Students may not understand the urgency of these processes, leading to delays that benefit no one.

Even when students are motivated and complete their tasks quickly, schools must submit information to different clinical sites, and those sites must review results to make decisions about each student. Student screening can be complex and cumbersome, especially for sites using manual processes.

## Background

Clinical placements can account for up to a third of a student's time, making them critically important for ongoing education and creating a foundation for success in a person's career.

One challenge in this process is that clinical placements are not unlimited, and program administrators often face issues in securing enough slots to support their students. When opportunities are limited, every detail counts. Missing information or slow screening processes can cause a student to lose their placement to another applicant.

Another challenge is that the background check the school runs should align with the requirements of the clinical site, including expert review to ensure compliance. When these requirements are not met, the school is at risk of losing a contract with a clinical partner, which in turn could force a reduction in admissions and cause reputational damage.

In a review of the literature regarding challenges in nursing education, clinical students named a lack of sufficient organizational support as a top issue. Regarding screening processes, students may not have access to intuitive options for completing screening tasks or might feel that administrators don't communicate well regarding such needs.

Student engagement with the process can also be a challenge. Almost three-quarters of students in these settings are "post-traditional," which means they may be older than 24, single caregivers, employed full-time, or have dependents. Post-traditional students typically have numerous obligations outside of school, causing them to split their time and other resources accordingly.

While post-traditional students often bring maturity, life experience, and high levels of motivation to their clinical education work, they may be less likely to complete tasks that seem routine or mundane. If they don't see why a task is necessary, they may decide it's not worth their time—this puts an additional burden on school administrators to ensure students understand the importance of screening tasks.

## The Solution

StudentCheck provides a streamlined screening solution for schools and clinical sites. Schools can use it to manage disparate clinical site requirements in a single portal, and clinical sites can use it to ensure incoming clinical students meet the same standards required of traditional employees.

Schools and clinical sites can customize automated reports to support compliance reporting and audit processes. This level of insight helps ensure noncompliant individuals are quickly identified and screening gaps remedied before they can become bigger regulatory issues.

StudentCheck also helps reduce issues related to student indifference or passivity by removing friction from the process. Students can use the system via laptop or mobile device, making it easy to submit necessary information when it's convenient for them.

StudentCheck includes criminal background checks, drug testing, and immunization tracking.

## Criminal Background Checks

StudentCheck supports criminal background checks that include:

- Up to 7 years of county criminal records
- Up to 7 years of state criminal records
- National Sexual Offender Registry information
- SanctionCheck exclusion screening
- An SSN trace and SSN Death Index search
- And more

Each school is able to add additional searches, as needed.

This level of criminal background check helps organizations know clinical students are who they say they are. It also ensures that no clinical student has a criminal background that might exclude them from the opportunity or create compliance risks for your organization.

## Drug Testing

Drug testing includes:

- Customizable drug panels
- Partnership with more than 10,000 collection sites
- Electronic Chain of Custody
- Medical review officer (MRO) to review test results when necessary

Results appear in the StudentCheck portal. Because students can log in and see their results, they don't have to contact schools or clinical sites to find out whether they passed drug testing, cutting down on potential work for staff.

## Immunization Tracking

Immunization tracking features include:

- All records reviewed by a healthcare professional
- On-demand reporting system
- Customizable compliance reporting

Immunization information appears in the StudentCheck portal, and schools can also customize email alerts for certain document requirements to help accelerate completion of the screening process. Email alerts put students in control of their immunization tracking, increasing the likelihood that motivated students will quickly address missing documents.

## Where Can StudentCheck Be Used?

StudentCheck provides customized screening support for any school that places students with other organizations for internships, work-study programs, clinical rotations, or similar opportunities. StudentCheck can help support your screening processes if you:

- Place undergrad or grad students in any type of clinical internship, rotation, or work-study program.
- Place intern teachers in K-12 programs with public or private schools.
- Place students in city and county government agencies, particularly those with clinical departments.
- Place students at safety-sensitive work sites for internships, rotations, or other opportunities.

## Support

As of early 2025, more than 2,000 programs use StudentCheck, and more than 70,000 students are successfully screened every year.

To understand the efficiency, you can gain by implementing StudentCheck, consider these averages:

- 1 to 3 business days to complete criminal background checks
- 2 to 3 business days to receive drug test results
- 1 to 2 business days for immunization tracking documents to be evaluated

Implementing a streamlined approach to healthcare student screening with StudentCheck means the entire process, from start to finish, takes less than a week.

That efficiency offers productivity benefits for schools and clinical sites while motivating students to complete relevant tasks.

PreCheck's extensive work in this area speaks for itself, especially because our student screening processes hold a 99.9994% background check accuracy rate — it's the leading rate in the industry.

We manage that level of quality while supporting an extraordinary level of efficiency. Organizations that use our tools experience a 31.8% reduction in average time to fill, and almost 80% of our criminal searches are completed in an hour.

StudentCheck is backed by the experience and technical expertise of PreCheck, which is an accredited member of the Professional Background Screeners Association.

## Discover How to Implement StudentCheck Today

Every day you rely on outdated screening processes, you risk missing opportunities for your students or allowing compliance issues to take root within your organization.

Discover how to leverage industry-leading resources to safeguard your organization, support your students, and streamline screening processes—saving time and reducing costs. Book a meeting with a PreCheck expert today to discuss your student screening needs and see how StudentCheck can help.