

Vulnerable Sector Disclaimer

As this program will involve direct contact with vulnerable individuals, students must submit a clean Canada wide Police Clearance of Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) prior to commencing any practicum placement. It is mandatory to submit this report within 45 days of commencement of study to ensure that you can complete the program and be eligible to graduate.

A VSS can take 10 to 12 weeks to complete. If you are unable to submit the required VSS within 45 days of commencing the program, you risk (1) being ineligible for a practicum placement; (2) being ineligible to graduate from the program; and (3) being ineligible for a partial refund or no refund of tuition, depending on the date of withdrawal.

A VSS involves a search of the Vulnerable Sector Database, maintained by the Ontario Provincial Police, for any information about you in police files, including criminal convictions, outstanding charges, and information about whether you are suspected of committing a criminal offence or involved in a serious criminal investigation. Police databases will also document any contact that you may have had with police services under the *Mental Health Act, 1990*.

You must also ensure that you do not engage in any activities at any time during the program, including while undertaking a practicum placement, that would render a clean VSS previously submitted by you void. Failure to maintain a clean VSS will also render you unable to undertake or continue the practicum placement, ineligible for graduation, and only eligible for a partial refund or no refund of tuition, depending on when you withdraw or are expelled from the program.

I, _____ acknowledge that I have read the above disclosure and understand that I must obtain and submit a clean VSS within 45 days of commencement of study and understand that I must, while enrolled in the program, maintain this status in order to complete the practicum placement and graduate. I also understand that if I do not obtain and maintain this up-to-date clean VSS status, I risk: **1. being ineligible for a practicum placement; 2. being ineligible to graduate from the program; and 3. being ineligible for a partial refund or no refund of tuition, depending on when I withdraw from this program.**

Please contact your local police authorities to complete this process.

Student Signature

Date