



California Institute of Integral Studies

Policies, Procedures and Documents: **Criminal Background Checks**

CIIS requires all clinical psychology students to have a criminal background check at the start of the second semester in the program. The background check report is to go to the MCP or PsyD Field Placement Office as appropriate. Although information from the report will be used to evaluate a student's readiness to see clients, the report itself does not become part of the student's official file. Any accurate and serious conviction information contained in the report may require the student to meet with the CIIS criminal background check committee to develop a plan of action.

California's Boards of Psychology and Behavioral Science, as well as a number of other states require criminal background checks as a prerequisite to licensure (for more information about California licensure requirements, please see <http://www.psychboard.ca.gov> or <http://www.bbs.ca.gov>). Many practicum sites also require criminal background checks. This early check may inform the student if there are any issues needing resolution.