

## MFT Program Policy on Background Checks

### Policy Availability

The **Policy on Background Checks** is available to the public through the [MFT Homepage > Accreditation > Policies and Handbook](#).

### MFT Program Policy on Required Background Checks

MFT students and faculty have contact with children throughout the course of teaching, training and practicing at FamilyWorks and/or internships. Therefore, and in accordance with [University System of Georgia policy](#), MFT faculty and students have background checks completed at the point of hire or admission into the Program. Prior to and after admission, students are notified in the following ways that a criminal/sexual predator background check is a program requirement:

1. on the [MFT Homepage, Admission and Prospective Students > Requirements](#)
2. in a *Welcome to the Program* email sent prior to students' signaling their intent to matriculate into the program, an email is sent to each student newly accepted for admission,
3. in an *Information Letter* sent to each newly admitted student who has signaled intent to matriculate into the program,
4. the *MFT Clinical Training and Personal Disclosure Policy*, which is signed by all students during New Student Orientation.
5. through the [VSU Minors on Campus program](#), MFT students are required to submit a criminal background check that includes a sexual predator search. Background check information is retained in the [MOC office](#), not in students' permanent MFT Program files.

### Background Check Procedure

During their first semester, MFT students will receive an email from the [Minors on Campus \(MOC\) office](#) initiating the background check process. See MFT's Policy on Minors on Campus for more detail.

### Related Policy

For more information, related policies can be accessed at [MFT Homepage > Accreditation > Policies and Handbook](#):

- Policy on Minors on Campus
- Policy on Professional Behavior
- Policy on MFT Student Professionalism