

College of St. Catherine
Doctor of Physical Therapy Program
Clinical Education Requirements

Minnesota State Law requires that any person who provides services that involve direct patient contact with patients and residents at a health-care facility licensed by the MN Department of Health have a background study conducted by the state. All students assigned to clinical education sites will have completed a background study within a year of the assignment. Documentation of the background study will be kept on-campus and is available to clinical education sites upon request. An individual who is disqualified from having direct patient contact as a result of the background study, and whose disqualification is not set aside by the Commissioner of Health, will not be permitted to participate in a clinical placement in a Minnesota-licensed care facility. Inability to participate in a clinical placement required by the academic program will result in ineligibility to qualify for a degree in the DPT Program. If the student is assigned to a clinical site outside Minnesota, the student will be expected to comply with the background study requirements for the state in which he/she is assigned. Students may also need to meet additional requirements of an assigned clinical site, in or out of the state of Minnesota, which may include drug testing or an FBI fingerprint background check.