



## Student Under 18 Years of Age Waiver for Police Reference Check

### Background

The Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy Assistant program at Seneca Polytechnic requires all students to present a cleared Police Reference Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) prior to beginning a field placement. According to the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014, criminal reference checks are required for all students and volunteers having direct contact with children. The Police Reference Check must be dated within six (6) months of the start of field placement. However, student under 18 years of age are exempted according to the Child Care Licensing Manual page 245.

### Subsection 8.5 - Exceptions, individuals under 19 years of age

#### Ontario Regulation 137/15

##### Exceptions

61 (2) Despite section 60, no person is required to provide or obtain a vulnerable sector check or offence declaration in respect of a person who is under 18 years old.

(3) If a person turns 18 years old while in a position where he or she interacts with children receiving child care at a child care centre operated by a licensee or home child care premises where the licensee oversees the provision of home child care, the licensee shall obtain from the person, within one month after the person turns 18 years old, a statement that discloses every previous finding of guilt of the person under the *Youth Criminal Justice Act* (Canada), if the person received an adult sentence.

### Student Waiver

I (print name) \_\_\_\_\_, student number \_\_\_\_\_, am a student registered in the Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy program at Seneca Polytechnic. By signing this document, I understand that I will present a clear Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) Police Record Check within one month after turning 18 years old.

#### Signed:

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Witnessed:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_