

Electronic Student Permit Checking – Post Admission Requirements

Firefighter Pre-Service Education & Training Firefighter Pre-Service Education & Training – Compressed

Durham College has partnered with *Verified by Synergy Gateway* to provide our students with services to assist them in the successful completion of their program's post-admission requirements for clinical practicums and field placements. The process of digitally uploading your documentation requirements and having them validated using Verified is known as Electronic Student Permit Checking or ESPC.

With the introduction of ESPC, *Verified by Synergy Gateway* has eliminated the need for you to attend an in-person appointment and allows you to submit all of your placement requirements documentation from the comfort of your home.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Read all requirements carefully as these are time sensitive items.
- Always keep your original documents.
- There are costs associated with ESPC, immunizations, lab tests and certifications. **Be sure to keep all of your receipts for income tax purposes.**

Requirements Submission Due Dates:

Program	Clinical/Field Placement Semester	Fall (Sept) Intake	Winter (Jan) Intake
Firefighter Pre-Service Education & Training	1, 2, 3	Sept 6	No Intake
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Post-Admission Requirements

Post-Admission requirements are specific health and non-health related documents necessary for clinical and/or field placement to ensure it is safe for students to work in their setting. Health record checks are also necessary and are often a requirement as per the Occupational Health and Safety Act of Ontario. Health record checks can include immunization history, vaccinations, and blood work. Ensuring you meet your placement requirements is mandatory for you to proceed in your chosen program.

ACCESS TO VERIFIED BY SYNERGY GATEWAY

Verified by Synergy Gateway is available through a secure username and password. Login instructions are emailed to your **school email account (DC Mail)** after you have completed your program's course registration and paid your enrolment fees. You should receive your login credentials within 48 hours from the time your registration is processed. To login to *Verified by Synergy Gateway* go to: https://cpp.smartsimple4.biz/s_Login.jsp

BEFORE YOU BOOK YOUR MANDATORY ESPC APPOINTMENT:

- Confirm that you have received login credentials for *Verified by Synergy Gateway*. Your login information will be emailed to your DC email address. If you cannot locate this information in your general inbox, then please check your junk/spam folder. If you still are unable to locate your login credentials, please open a Help Desk ticket by visiting: www.synergyhelps.com
- Review your program's specific placement requirements along with due dates (**refer to attached requirements checklist**). You may also review requirements by logging into your **Verified Account** and selecting "**Important Forms**" and then selecting your program's documentation requirements checklist. In this section, you will also find student user guides and any required forms in order to be successful in completing this process.
- Make sure you have reviewed what your clinical placement requirements are (**refer to attached requirements checklist**) and have planned out when and how you will be completing them. It is important to remember that some requirements may take an extended time to complete.
- Once you have ensured that all requirements have been uploaded to your profile, you may book your ESPC Appointment on the *Verified by Synergy Gateway* platform. This notifies *Verified by Synergy Gateway* that your profile is ready for verification.
- **To avoid paying additional appointment fees, ensure all of your documentation has been uploaded PRIOR to booking your ESPC appointment.**
- **You do NOT need to attend your ESPC appointment in person or online** – Synergy will send you an email status 24 – 48 hours after your ESPC appointment date and time with a status update. Make sure you plan accordingly as it does take time to validate your documents.

SYNERGY GATEWAY FEES

- **Verified** is a paid service and *any time students are updating documents there are fees associated.*
- To avoid booking and paying for multiple appointments throughout the year we strongly suggest you gather all of your requirements (**refer to attached requirements checklist**) at one time so that they might be valid for multiple placements if possible.
- **You can update expiring Criminal Reference Check (CRC) with Vulnerable Sector Screen (VSS) documents free of charge after your initial appointment throughout that calendar year.** *The free update will only be honored if you update these documents to the Verified platform by the date indicated by Synergy Gateway at the time of your documentation approval.*
- Once you have uploaded your new Criminal Reference Check with Vulnerable Sector Screen, ***you need to place a helpdesk ticket to have it processed.*** You do not need to book and ESPC appointment unless you are updating other documents as well.

SYNERGY SERVICE	FEE
Electronic Student Permit Checking (ESPC)	\$49.50
ESPC Follow up Appointment (if you are missing documents)	\$22.60
Late Cancel Fee (less than 24 hours before appointment)	\$22.60
Late Reschedule Fee (less than 24 hours before appointment)	\$22.60
No Show Fee	Full Amount of Service

DOCUMENTATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that their documents are valid throughout all of your clinical placements.
- You will be notified of any upcoming expirations for documents on your profile page for *Verified by Synergy Gateway.* You will also receive notifications via email to your DC Mail account.
- **Multiple appointments at full-service fees will be required to update any expiring documentation with the exception of the Criminal Reference Check/VSS (one free update per calendar year).**

- If you have more than one document expiring at any given time, we suggest you update them all together in one additional appointment to avoid further charges. Expired documents will negatively impact your clinical placement.

Criminal Reference Checks (With VSS)

You must have a current Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screen submitted by the due date in order to attend placement.

- **IMPORTANT: In order to obtain a Student Discount and a Vulnerable Sector Screen with your Criminal Record check, you will require completion of one of the following documents based on where you permanently reside.**
 - **Durham Region Residents:** [Proof of Enrolment Letter](#)

Please ensure that you print and then complete in full detail, all required information. Once completed, bring the completed letter along with your government issued Photo ID and payment to the Durham Regional Police Services address that is indicated on the letter.
 - **City of Toronto Residents:** If you live in the City of Toronto, please contact the School of Justice & Emergency Services to book an appointment with a designate who can assist you with a Toronto Waiver. At this appointment, you will need to provide a government issued photo ID (i.e., your driver's license, health card, passport etc.). If photo ID is not available, a birth certificate and another official document stating full name including full mailing address, (i.e., rental agreement, bank statement, utility bill or credit card statement, etc.
 - **Residents Outside of Durham Region and City of Toronto:** [Proof of Enrolment Letter](#)

Please ensure that you print and then complete in full detail, all required information. Once completed, bring the letter along with your government issued Photo ID and payment to your local police station or OPP detachment closest to where you currently reside. It is highly recommended that you call ahead of time to ensure that the service that is closest to you is equipped to run CRC with VSS, as not all services can provide this for you.
- Criminal Reference Checks with VSS must be uploaded to Verified by Synergy Gateway.
- You will be required to keep an original CRC to show your agency host.
- The Criminal Reference Check with VSS must be valid within **6 months** of your placement, and remain valid for the duration of your placement. (Note: Depending on where you are placed, your placement host may require a CRC newer than Durham College's requirement. – example: Regional Daycare centres often require the CRC is no more than 1 month old).

- **Fall Placements** – If your placement begins in September, the CRC should not be issued prior to May of the same year.
- **Winter Placements** – If your placement begins in January, the CRC should not be issued prior to August of the previous year.
- **Spring Placements** – If your placement begins in May, the CRC should not be issued prior to October of the previous year.

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Requirements Checklist:

- [Criminal Reference Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening](#) (Valid within Three Months from the start of placement term)
- [Informed Consent for the Release of Personal Information](#)
- [Standard First Aid & Level C CPR](#) (Note: Online and blended (online & in-class) courses will only be accepted if the course is WSIB approved). This certification must remain valid for the entire length of the program. Emergency First Aid will not be accepted, as it does not meet the requirements of the program. Level C or higher CPR is mandatory.
- [Field Placement Learning Contract](#)