

Felony Convictions

Nursing Program



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The Board of Nursing has express authority to review the felony conviction of an applicant and may deny licensure to any applicant who has been convicted of a felony, which relates to the practice of nursing. An applicant is a person who has filed an application with the Board and who possesses all of the statutory requirements for the granting of a license. Persons who have not yet completed the prerequisites for filing an application, such as completion of a course of study approved by the Board, are not applicants.

The Board has a statutory authority to review the felony conviction of a student of nursing who has neither completed the nursing program approved by the Board nor filed an application with the Board.

Board staff is not authorized to preliminarily review the felony conviction and provide information regarding action the Board might take upon application.

I have read and fully understand the above policy. I fully understand that should I have a felony record, I may be denied licensure by the State Board of Nursing and with this understanding, I recognize that the decision to continue with my nursing education is mine alone, regardless of the final outcome.

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This form with the student's signature is required at the beginning of the nursing program and will be placed in the student's personal file.

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Previous conviction of a felony does not automatically bar an individual from eligibility for licensure.

Iowa Code 174.3 Qualifications states:

An applicant for a license to practice a profession under this title is not ineligible because of age, citizenship, sex, race, religion, marital status or national origin, although the application form may require citizenship information. Any board may consider the past felony record of an applicant only if the felony conviction relates directly to the practice of...nursing...for which the applicant requests a license. Character references may be required, but shall not be obtained from licensed members of the profession.

The members of the Iowa Board of Nursing will determine if the felony relates directly to the practice of nursing. In order to prepare your credentials to be submitted to the Iowa Board of Nursing, we must have the following materials:

1. Copy of the indictment or charge that was brought against you. Please request that the court in which the proceedings were held forward a copy to the office of the Iowa Board of Nursing.
2. Copy of the order of sentencing that was signed by the judge.
3. The name and address of your probation officer.

After receipt of the above information, your materials will be presented to the Board for review at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____