

Background Check Health and Nursing Programs Disqualifying Criminal Offenses

The Colorado Community College System (“CCCS”) and the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education authorize the health and nursing programs to conduct a background investigation of all student applicants. The clinical sites used in the programs require background checks of all potential interns. The purpose is to maintain a safe and productive educational and clinical environment. New students who refuse to comply with the background investigation will not be allowed to enter a CCCS health or nursing program.

An Applicant will be disqualified from a CCCS health or nursing program based on the following guidelines:

- Any violent felony conviction of homicide. (No time limits)
- Crimes of violence (assault, sexual offenses, arson, kidnapping, any crime against an at-risk adult or juvenile, etc.) as defined in section 18-1.3-406 C.R.S. in the 10 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any offense involving unlawful sexual behavior in the 10 years immediately preceding the submittal of application
- Any crime, the underlying basis of which has been found by the court on the record to include an act of domestic violence, as defined in section 18-6-800.3 C.R.S. in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any crime of child abuse, as defined in section 18-6-401 C. R. S. in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any crime related to the sale, possession, distribution or transfer of narcotics or controlled substances in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any felony theft crimes in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any misdemeanor theft crimes in the 5 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any offense of sexual assault on a client by a psychotherapist, as defined in section 18-3-405.5 C.R.S. in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Crimes of moral turpitude (prostitution, public lewdness/exposure, etc.) in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Registered Sex Offenders. (No time limit)
- Any offense in another state, the elements of which are substantially similar to the elements of any of the above offenses.
- More than one (1) D.U.I. in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.

Students who have successfully completed the terms of a **deferred adjudication agreement** will not be disqualified. To discuss your personal situation, please contact Colorado State Board of Nursing 303-894-2430 or www.dora.state.co.us/nursing.