

Appendix C

Criminal Background Check Disqualifying Offenses

The Colorado Community College System (“CCCS”) and the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education authorize the nursing programs to conduct a background investigation of all student applicants. 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 Nursing Program.

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

- Felony convictions for violent felonies, including but not limited to homicide or sexual offense. (no time limit)
- Felony convictions for drug use possession or distribution in the ten (10) years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Other felony convictions within seven (7) years.
- Violent misdemeanor convictions in the seven (7) years immediately preceding the submittal of his/her personal identification and consent Form.
- Nonviolent misdemeanor convictions in the seven (7) years immediately preceding the submittal of his/her personal identification and consent Forms.
- The following crimes will result in automatic disqualification:
 - A felony related to the sale, possession, distribution or transfer of narcotics or controlled substances other than marijuana.
 - Any offense involving unlawful sexual behavior.
 - Any crime of child abuse, as defined in C.R.S. 18-6-401
 - Crimes of moral turpitude (prostitution, public lewdness/exposure, etc.)
 - Any offense in another state, the elements of which are substantially similar to the elements of any of the above offenses.
 - Three or more DUI’s.

If the investigation reveals information that could be relevant to the application, the designated individual or committee within the Colorado Community College System may request additional information from the applicant. The offense shall be reviewed on a case by case basis. Students who have successfully completed the terms of a deferred adjudication agreement will not be disqualified.

Signature _____ Date _____