FACTORS AFFECTING ELIGIBILITY TO TAKE LICENSURE EXAMINATION

It is important to understand the licensing process in order to minimize potential problems nursing graduates might experience in obtaining a nursing license. Schools of nursing do not have the power to grant licensure for the Registered Nurse (RN). The nursing program has accreditation by the Texas Board of Nursing to provide education and training which qualifies the student to take a state licensing examination. The graduate of the program must make application to the Texas Board of Nursing to take the licensing examination.

An individual enrolled or planning to enroll in a basic nursing program who has reason to believe that he/she might be ineligible for licensure must petition the Board for a declaratory order to determine his/her eligibility. Factors affecting eligibility for licensure include:

A. been convicted of a misdemeanor?
B. been convicted of a felony?
C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
D. received deferred adjudication?
E. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?
G. been granted pre-trial diversion?
H. been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?
I. been cited or charged with any violation of the law?
J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?

1. Are you currently the target or subject of a grand jury or governmental agency investigation?

2. Has any licensing authority refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a professional license, certificate or multi-state privilege held by you now or previously, or ever fined, censured, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined you?

3. Within the past five (5) years have you been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?

4. Within the past five (5) years have you been diagnosed with, treated, or hospitalized for schizophrenia and/or psychotic disorder, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder?

Additional eligibility criteria may be present and the requirements may change. The interested applicant is urged to review the information published by the Texas Board of Nursing. The forms to petition the board are also found at this site. http://www.bon.state.tx.us/forms.htm