

## **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS**

Practicum sites and school districts require criminal background checks on students before they are permitted into practicum facilities. The requirement is based on the concept of due diligence and competency assessment, including post criminal behavior of all individuals whose assignments bring them into contact with patient and employer. On this basis, the JoAnne Gay Dishman School of Nursing (SON) has implemented a criminal background screening policy for all students.

### **Criminal Background Checks for Admission to the Nursing Program**

Under its Rules concerning criminal conviction, chemical dependency, and mental illness, the BON may refuse



discovered or a conviction occurs after enrollment, the student, will be required to withdraw from the program. A student who is convicted of a criminal offense while enrolled in the program must report the conviction to the LU SON Chair within three days of the conviction. The term conviction for these purposes includes probated sentences and deferred adjudications.

A student may be considered for admission to the program if the TX BON issues a Declaratory Order stating the individual is eligible for initial licensure or license renewal.

#### Notes

1. The student should be aware that the disqualifications listed above are used for employment eligibility by most hospitals in Texas.
2. Completion of a specific program will be determined by the student's ability to successfully complete the required practicum rotations.
3. Practicum rotations are completed at sites specified by and contracted with Lamar University. WDELOLW@H