



## **THECB Criminal History Notification**

Diploma in Vocational Nursing

### **Occupational License:**

Graduates of the Department of Vocational Nursing are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical/Vocational Nurses (NCLEX-PN). Graduates who successfully pass NCLEX-PN are entitled to practice as a Licensed Vocational Nurses in Texas.

References: <https://www.bon.texas.gov/>

### **What are the current guidelines issued by the applicable licensing authority (See, Texas Occupations Code, Sec. 53.025)?**

The licensing authority for Licensed Vocational Nurses is the Texas Board of Nursing.

Information concerning licensure can be found at

[https://www.bon.texas.gov/licensure\\_eligibility.asp](https://www.bon.texas.gov/licensure_eligibility.asp).

Texas Administrative Code concerning licensure of Individuals with Criminal History can be found at [http://www.bon.texas.gov/rr\\_current/213-28.asp](http://www.bon.texas.gov/rr_current/213-28.asp).

### **Are there any other state or local restriction or guideline used by the licensing authority to determine the eligibility of an individual who has been convicted of an offense for an occupational license issued by the licensing authority? If so, who and what are the restrictions or guidelines?**

The Texas Board of Nursing has established criteria to determine the effect of criminal history on nursing licensure and eligibility for nursing licensure. The criteria are available at

[http://www.bon.texas.gov/rr\\_current/213-28.asp](http://www.bon.texas.gov/rr_current/213-28.asp).

### **What process should the applicant or enrollee follow to request a licensing authority conduct a criminal history evaluation (Texas Occupations Code, Sec. 53.102)?**

Applicants to nursing school with a criminal history are required to complete a petition for a Declaratory Order. A Declaratory Order is a formal disclosure to the Texas Board of Nursing of an outstanding eligibility issue that may prevent an applicant from taking the NCLEX examination upon completion of a nursing program. The Declaratory Order process permits the Texas Board of Nursing to make decisions regarding a petitioner's eligibility for licensure prior to entering or completing a nursing program. The Declaratory Order process is outlined at [www.bon.texas.gov/forms\\_declaratory\\_order.asp](http://www.bon.texas.gov/forms_declaratory_order.asp).

**I understand that I am receiving this notice in compliance with the laws of the State of Texas and have reviewed this notice and all linked criteria. I understand that I may not be eligible for licensure or certification based upon any criminal convictions or history prior to, during, or after my educational activities at the Baptist Health System School of Health Professions. If more information is required, I will contact my program director at the earliest possible convenience.**