

Texas Board of Nursing Background Check & Clearance

Soon after you submit your nursing application, your name and personal information (SSN and DOB, etc.), will be submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing (TXBON) on a roster. You will receive an email from Temple College Nursing letting you know when the roster has been sent to the TXBON. This email will contain all of the information that you need regarding the background check procedures and forms of clearance to sit for the NCLEX.

NOTE (ADN and Bridging ONLY): If you do not have a SSN, your information will still be sent to the Board of Nursing for review.

Be aware that you must have Texas Board of Nursing clearance to register for nursing courses if you are accepted into our nursing program, and thus, without clearance you cannot participate in the program.

Licensure Eligibility

The Texas Board of Nursing licenses nurses as new graduates through the National Council Licensure Examination. The Board determines eligibility for licensure prior to beginning a nursing program.

To check your eligibility for obtaining or renewing your license, please review the following questions:

1. Have you ever had any disciplinary action on a nursing license or a privilege to practice in any state, country, or province?
2. Do you have an investigation or complaint pending on a nursing license or a privilege to practice in any state, country, or province?
3. Have you, in the last 5 years*, been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?
4. For any criminal offense*, including those pending appeal, have you:
(You may only exclude Class C misdemeanor traffic violations or offenses previously disclosed to the Texas Board of Nursing on an initial or renewal application.)
 - been arrested and have a pending criminal charge?
 - been convicted of a misdemeanor?
 - been convicted of a felony?
 - pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
 - received deferred adjudication?
 - been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
 - been sentenced to serve jail, prison time, or court-ordered confinement?
 - been granted pre-trial diversion?
 - been cited or charged with any violation of the law?
 - been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?

NOTE: Expunged and Sealed Offenses: While expunged or sealed offense, arrests, tickets, or citations need not be disclosed, it is your responsibility to ensure the offense, arrest, ticket or citation has, in fact, been expunged or sealed. It is recommended that you submit a copy of the Court Order expunging or sealing the record in question to our office with your application. Non-disclosure of relevant offenses raises questions related to truthfulness and character. (See 22 TAC §213.27)

NOTE: Orders of Non-Disclosure: Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code § 552.142(b), if you have criminal matters that are the subject of an order of non-disclosure you are not required to reveal those criminal matters. However, a criminal matter that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure may become a character

and fitness issue. Pursuant to Gov't Code chapter 411, the Texas Nursing Board is entitled to access criminal history record information that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure. If the Board discovers a criminal matter that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure, even if you properly did not reveal that matter, the Board may require you to provide information about any conduct that raises issues of character and fitness.

5. Have you ever had any licensing (other than a nursing license) or regulatory authority in any state, jurisdiction, country, or province revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew or otherwise discipline any other professional or occupational license, certificate, nurse aide registration or multistate privilege to practice that you held?

6. Are you currently suffering from any condition for which you are not being appropriately treated that impairs your judgment or that would otherwise adversely affect your ability to practice nursing in a competent, ethical, and professional manner?

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

8. *Are you currently a participant in an alternative to discipline, diversion, or a peer assistance program? (This includes all confidential programs)

NOTE: Any positive response will remain confidential and not subject to public disclosure unless required by law.

9. Have you ever been granted the authority to practice nursing in any country, state, province, or territory?

NOTE: This does not apply to any nursing license(s) issued by another US state or territory, excluding Puerto Rico. If you were licensed in Puerto Rico, you should be answering yes.

You can also see the Licensure Eligibility information on the TXBON website:

https://www.bon.texas.gov/licensure_eligibility.asp.html