

State of Illinois Licensure Regulations: RN and LPN

If a student has been convicted of a felony, treated for chemical substance abuse, mental illness or chronic physical illness, the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may not consider his/her application for licensure in the State of Illinois until a review hearing has been conducted by its Committee on Nursing. The committee will not conduct this hearing until the individual has completed the required approved nursing program in an approved school and has completed the necessary application forms for licensure required by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. The decision to allow an individual to take the examination for licensure rests with the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation's Committee on Nursing.

The State of Illinois requires all candidates for licensure to answer six personal history information questions.

1. Have you been convicted of any criminal offense in any state or in federal court (other than minor traffic violations)?
2. Have you been convicted of a felony?
3. If yes, have you been issued a Certificate of Relief from Disabilities by the Prisoner Review Board?
4. Have you had or do you now have any disease or condition that interferes with your ability to perform the essential functions of your profession, including any disease or condition generally regarded as chronic by the medical community for example (1) mental or emotional disease or condition, (2) alcohol or other substance abuse, (3) physical disease or condition, that presently interferes with your ability to practice your profession?
5. Have you been denied a professional license or permit, or privilege of taking an examination, or had a professional license or permit disciplined in any way by any licensing authority in Illinois or elsewhere?
6. Have you ever been discharged other than honorably from the armed service or from the armed service or from a city, county, state or federal position?