

# **Texas HB 1508 Licensing Requirements:**

As a point of information required by Texas HB 1508 and the Texas Occupations Code 58.001, if you are applying for admission to a program that may prepare an individual for an initial occupational license (Registered Nurse) as defined under Texas Occupations Code 58.001 and/or if you later decide to change to a program that prepares you for an initial occupational license as defined under Texas Occupations Code 58.001, in accordance with state law, please be advised of the following.

Because graduating with a degree in Nursing (undergraduate) in the state of Texas has the potential to lead to a state-issued license, this notice of the impact of a criminal history on becoming licensed is being provided to you. The title of “registered nurse” is a restricted title in the State of Texas; only those who hold a valid registered nurse license and are in good standing may call themselves by this title.

Individuals with a history of criminal behavior, including arrests, convictions, serving probation, being on or completing parole, or deferred adjudication (this list may not be exhaustive) may be unable to become licensed as a Registered Nurse (RN) in Texas. The following website provides links to information about the licensing process and requirements for the [Texas Board of Nursing](#).