

# NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH PRIOR FELONY CONVICTIONS

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State University of New York (SUNY) policy prohibits SUNY New Paltz admission applications from inquiring into an applicant's prior criminal history. After acceptance, the University shall inquire if the student previously has been convicted of a felony if such individual seeks:

- On-campus housing,
- Participation in clinical or field experiences,
- Participation in internships,
- Participation in study abroad programs.

The information required to be disclosed under SUNY policy regarding such felony convictions shall be reviewed by a standing campus committee consistent with the legal standards articulated in New York State Corrections Law.

Students who have previously been convicted of a felony are advised that their prior criminal history may impede their ability to complete the requirements of certain academic programs and/or to meet the licensure requirements for certain professions. Specific SUNY New Paltz majors may pose challenges in obtaining field experiences, internships, or licensing for individuals with prior criminal convictions. These programs include, but are not limited to:

- Accounting
- Art Education
- Music Therapy
- Childhood Education
- Adolescent Education
- Psychology
- Communication Disorders

Individuals with prior criminal histories are advised to seek advice and guidance from the Chair of the academic department regarding the impact of a criminal record on meeting the requirements of the major/professional licensure or certification prior to declaring the major.