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MEMO TO: All Students Who Apply for Admission to
the Nursing Program (AAS Degree)

FROM: Professor Mary O'Donnell, Chairperson,
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SUBJECT: Licensure - Moral Character Requirement

Upon completion of the entire AAS Program in
nursing, and having attained the age of eighteen
years or more, each graduate is eligible for
licensure as a Registered Nurse. Prior to enrollment
in the nursing curriculum, each applicant should be
aware of the additional licensure requirement
related to moral character as follows:

"When a nursing student completes an
application for
licensure and first registration as a licensed
practical nurse or registered professional
nurse, questions are asked about conviction of
a crime {felony or misdemeanor)and pending
charges. These questions appear on the
application form. If the answers to these
questions are in the affirmative, there is an
automatic referral to the Office of
Professional Discipline and the case is
assigned to an investigator. Depending upon the
results of the investigation, the case mayor
may not require a hearing. The National Council
licensing -examination may be taken. However,
the licensing
process and the issuance of a license will be
held
until the process described above is
completed."

The above requirements do permit the applicant to
enter a nursing program, complete the curriculum,
apply for licensure and take the licensing
examination, however, those who have criminal
charges pending or who have been convicted of a
crime {misdemeanor or felony) in any state or
country will be referred to the Office of
Professional Discipline for a determination
concerning the issuance of an LPN or RN license.