

You have worked hard in college.
You have invested a lot of time and money into your degree.
You are ready for your first professional job.

NOT SO FAST.

Do you have a MISDEMEANOR
or FELONY CONVICTION
for drugs or alcohol?

YOUR DEGREE
MIGHT NOT BE WORTH
AS MUCH AS YOU THOUGHT.



WHAT’S YOUR DEGREE
WORTH?

The following occupations may be denied to you for misdemeanor and felony alcohol or drug convictions.

Occupation	Requirements	License	Effect of a Criminal Violation
Social Services and Education			
Counselor	Master's degree in Counseling; supervised clinical experience; state exam *	CACREP, CORE, or NBCC *	The committee may refuse to issue, revoke, or suspend license **
Psychologist	Doctoral degree in psychology from an accredited program; internship, dissertation *	Missouri State Committee of Psychologists *	Qualifications for licensure include “good moral character” (§337.200)**; The board may deny, revoke, or suspend license (§336.110)**
Social Worker	Bachelor's degree in Social Work (BSW); Master's degree in Social Work (MSW)	State Committee for Social Workers*	Qualifications for licensure include “good moral character” (§337.615)**; The board may deny, revoke, or suspend license (§337.630)**
Teacher	Bachelor's degree from an accredited teacher education program	Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education*	State board of education may discipline licensee or refuse to issue or renew certification of license to teach of an individual who has pled guilty of an felony or crime involving moral turpitude****
Health Care			
Chiropractor	Associate's degree; Bachelor's degree preferred; state exam*	State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (§331.020)**	The board may refuse to issue, renew or reinstate certificate (§327.631)**
Dentist	Degree in dentistry from an accredited dental school; written and practical exams*	Dental Board (§332.011)**	Qualifications for licensure include “good moral character” (§332.131)**; The board may deny, revoke, or suspend license (§332.321)**
Nurse	Degree from an approved nursing program; National exam*	Missouri State Board of Nursing **	Qualifications for licensure include “good moral character” (§335.046)**; The board may deny, revoke, or suspend license (§335.066)**
Pharmacist	B.S. from a school accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE); exam*	Missouri Board of Pharmacy*	Qualifications for licensure include “good moral character” (§338.030)**; The board may deny, revoke, or suspend license (§338.055)**
Physical Therapist	Graduate from an accredited physical therapist educational program	Board of Registration for the Healing Arts (§334.020)**	Qualifications for licensure include “good moral character” (§334.530)**
Physician	Degree from a reputable medical college of osteopathy, accredited by the American Medical Association	Board of Registration for the Healing Arts (§334.020)**	Qualifications for licensure include “good moral character” (§334.031)**; The board may deny, revoke, or suspend license (§334.100)**
Speech and Language Pathologist/Audiologist	Master's degree**	Missouri State Advisory Commission for Speech-Language Pathologists & Audiologists **	Qualifications for licensure include “good moral character” (§337.615)**; The board may deny, revoke, or suspend license (§337.630)**
Veterinarian	Degree with a 4-year program at an accredited college of veterinary medicine*; North American Veterinary Licensing Exam*	Veterinary Medicine Board	Qualifications for licensure include “good moral character” (§340.228)**; The board may deny, revoke, or suspend license (§340.264)**
Government			
Military Service	High school diploma and in some cases, a GED	n/a	Many branches of the military require a background check. Additional investigation may be necessary to gain higher levels of security clearance. Law violations can affect job selection and security clearances.
Government Agent (ATF, DEA, FBI, Secret Service)	Bachelor's degree	n/a	Fail mandatory security clearances; ineligible for employment*
Police Officer	Bachelor's degree*	n/a	Fail mandatory background checks; ineligible for employment*
Business			
Accountant	At least a Bachelor's degree in accounting or related field*	State Board of Accountancy*	Qualifications for licensure include “good moral character” (§326.060)**; The board may deny, revoke, or suspend license (§326.130)**
Lawyer/Attorney	Bachelor's or other 4-year undergraduate degree; Juris Doctorate degree, bar exam***	Admission to the Missouri Bar***	The board may deny admission into the bar based on character and fitness, such as the ability to conduct oneself in accordance with and respect for the law.***
Professional Engineer	Bachelor's degree in Engineering from an ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology) accredited school*	Professional Engineer license; state exam*	Qualifications for licensure include “good moral character” (§327.221)**

*US Department of Labor, Bureau of Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, **Missouri Revised Statutes, Chapters 313 to 351, *** Missouri Board of Law Examiners, ****Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
This pamphlet is not meant to be a comprehensive list of occupations that require licensure or certification. This pamphlet is meant to be a guide only.

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