

**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.

Did you know many employers and licensing boards perform a background check before making a final job offer? This means that if you have an alcohol or drug-related conviction on your record, you may be denied an occupation despite your hard work and educational accomplishments. One night of bad judgment can affect the worth of your college degree.

Drug or alcohol convictions can include:

- Carrying or manufacturing false identification
- Misrepresenting your age to purchase alcohol
- Possession or possession by consumption of alcohol by a minor
- Driving under the influence of intoxicants or controlled substances
- Disorderly conduct
- Purchasing and/or providing alcohol for minors
- Possession and/or use of controlled substances (i.e. drugs) or drug paraphernalia

Before you drink, think. The value of your degree may depend on it.

- Understand and respect university, city, and state laws about alcohol.
- Don't drink to get wasted or drunk.
- Don't lend your identification to anyone to purchase alcohol and do not use borrowed or fake identification to purchase alcohol.
- Use a designated driver who has consumed no alcohol.
- Always watch your drink, never accept drinks from strangers, and never leave your drink unattended.

Know what a "drink" is and stay at a BAC that is right for you.



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What's Your Degree Worth?

Maybe not as much if you have been convicted of an alcohol or drug-related crime in Missouri



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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 (§337.525)
	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 license or refuse to issue or renew certification of license to teach of an individual who has pled guilty of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude****
Health Care	Chiropractor	3-4 years of undergraduate education, followed by a 4 year doctor of chiropractic (D.C.) degree program *	State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (§331.020)**	The board may refuse to issue, renew or reinstate certificate (§331.060)**
	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 (§335.066)**
	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	Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D); Doctoral or Professional degree; 2 exams*	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	Doctoral degree in physical therapy *	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 and Audiologists **	Qualifications for licensure include "good moral character" (§337.615)**; The board may deny, revoke, or suspend license (§337.630)**
Government	Veterinarian	Degree with a y-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)**
	Military Service	High school diploma and in some cases, a GED	n/a	Many branches of 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*
Business	Police Officer	Bachelor's degree	n/a	Fail mandatory background checks; ineligible for employment*
	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 (§326.310)**
	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. ***
Business	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.