

Policy Statement

Finger Lakes Community College will not deny the opportunity for acceptance to the College, registration, or continuing study solely because of an individual's status as a known ex-offender. The College, however, reserves the right to deny the opportunity to study when such study would involve unreasonable risk to property or to the safety and welfare of specific individuals or to the general public. Ex-offenders and disciplinary dismissal/suspension individuals shall be eligible for both matriculated and non-matriculated credit, and non-credit courses and programs.

Finger Lakes Community College adheres to the State University of New York's policy Admissions of Persons with Prior Felony Convictions (Effective Date 7.1.18) in which campuses shall inquire if the student's previously has been convicted of a felony if such individual seeks campus housing or participation in clinical or field experiences, internships or study abroad programs. The information required to be disclosed pursuant to this policy regarding such felony convictions shall be reviewed by a campus committee consistent with the legal standards articulated in New York State Corrections Law.

The Review Board shall be comprised of the Director of Community Standards and Counseling, Campus Safety Officer, Associate Vice President of Instruction, and when appropriate a faculty member from the student's chosen degree, and/or the director of Housing & Residential Life.

The Board will have access to and consider all available information, as well as the individual's past record at FLCC, if appropriate. This Board has been appointed to review relevant information concerning known ex-offenders as outlined in Section 753 of Article 23-A of the State Correction Law as well as disciplinary dismissals/suspensions from other institutions.

Failure to disclose a felony conviction may result in dismissal from the College.

Reason for Policy

This policy has been implemented in compliance with the FLCC Student Code of Conduct and the SUNY policy: Admission of Persons with Prior Felony Convictions (SUNY Policy #3200) and in compliance with NY Correction Law Article 23-A.

Applicability of the Policy

All Admissions, Community Standards, and Student Records staff should be familiar with this policy.

Definitions

Known ex-offender- all persons who have been identified as previously convicted of one or more felony crimes.

Felony- a crime for which more than one year in prison may be imposed; applicants with juvenile delinquent or youthful offender status are not subjected to review as ex-offenders.

Related Documents

- Section 753 of Article 23-A of the State Correction Law
- FLCC Student Code of Conduct

- State University of New York Admissions Policy for Ex-Offenders

Review date/action taken (requires Board of Trustees approval):

- January 2, 2019: revised policy approved by the Board of Trustees

Guidelines for Students with Felony Convictions

WHEREAS, the Finger Lakes Community College Community reviews policies and procedures on a regular basis to ensure compliance with NYS, SUNY and Federal mandates; and

WHEREAS, in January 2018 SUNY required colleges to remove the question about felony convictions from the application; and

WHEREAS, the current policy and procedures covered felony convictions, disciplinarily dismissal or suspensions from other institutions; and

WHEREAS, the new policy speaks only to how the College will work with students who indicate they have prior felony convictions; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the adoption of the Guidelines for Students with Felony Convictions.

Approved by the FLCC Board of Trustees at the meeting on January 2, 2019

Date

Geoffrey Astles, Board Chair

Barbara R. Hamlin, Secretary of the Board

I do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy with the resolution duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of Finger Lakes Community College sponsored by Ontario County at their regular meeting held on January 2, 2019, and entered in the minutes thereof. That said copy is a true and correct transcript of the whole of said resolution, in witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 2rd day of January, 2019.

Janet Carabell, Assistant Secretary of the Board