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**Policy Name:** Guidelines for Students with Felony Convictions

**Policy Number:** None

**Functional Area(s) Responsible:** Academic & Student Affairs; Enrollment Management

**Owner(s) of Policy:** Academic & Student Affairs; Enrollment Management

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**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 Sr. Director of the Office of Student Well-Being, Campus Police representative, 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(s) 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 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

**Procedures:**

None

**Forms/Online Processes:**

None

**Appendix:**

None