

**BLUEGRASS COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE
RESPIRATORY CARE PROGRAM
CRIME LETTER**

The faculty of the Bluegrass Community and Technical College Respiratory Care program believes that each enrolled Respiratory Care student must be aware of the standards that govern the profession of Respiratory Care in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In order to practice Respiratory Care in Kentucky, an individual must apply for and obtain a mandatory certificate from the Kentucky Board of Respiratory Care.

Below you will find a description of the grounds whereby the Kentucky Respiratory Care Board may deny, suspend or revoke an individual's mandatory certificate. Please read the description carefully. If you are unsure of its meaning you should pursue a further explanation.

314A.225 -- Grounds for denial, suspension, probation, or revocation of certificate:

- 1) The board may refuse to issue a mandatory certificate, or may suspend or revoke the mandatory certificate of any certificate holder if he or she has been guilty of unprofessional conduct which has endangered or is likely to endanger the health, welfare, or safety of the public. Such unprofessional conduct may include:
 - a. Obtaining a mandatory certificate by means of fraud, misrepresentation, or concealment of material facts,
 - b. Having been guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined by the rules established by the board, or having violated the code of ethics adopted and published by the board,
 - c. Having violated any lawful order, rule, or administrative regulation rendered or adopted by the board, or
 - d. Having violated any provisions of this chapter.
- 2) The board shall deny an application for, or suspend or revoke, or impose probationary conditions upon, a mandatory certificate as ordered by the board in any decision made after a hearing as provided in this chapter. One (1) year from the date of revocation of a mandatory certificate under this chapter, application may be made to the board for reinstatement. The board shall have discretion to accept or reject an application for reinstatement.
- 3) A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere made to a charge of felony or of any offense involving moral turpitude is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this chapter. At the direction of the board, the mandatory certificate shall be suspended or revoked, or issuance of a mandatory certificate shall be declined when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of the penal code allowing a person to withdraw his plea of guilty, and to enter a plea of not guilty or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the acquisition, information, or indictment.

Please sign and date this form which indicates you are aware of the above regulations. This action signifies your complete understanding of the standards set forth above.

Signature

Date

Name Printed

This signed form must be brought to the orientation on the first day of classes.

