Professional Licensure/Certification
Prospective Graduate Student Disclosure

Some prospective graduate students applying for admission to certain programs that lead to professional licensure/certification are receiving consumer protection information to support their career planning. The disclosure is displayed on the graduate application to select applicants who must acknowledge reading and understanding the disclosure before completing the application.

Why Are Applicants Contacting You?
Some prospective students applying for graduate admission to certain programs receive the following message on the application:

Professional Licensure/Certification Disclosure

Based on the location you provided to Penn State as your permanent address, Penn State has evaluated the educational requirements of the licensing board in that state for the program you selected.

We have determined that the program’s curriculum does not meet the state licensing board educational requirements for employment in the state you provided as your permanent address,

OR

We have not made a determination whether the program’s curriculum meets the state licensing board educational requirements for employment in the state you provided as your permanent address.

It’s important to understand this information and how it could impact you as you plan for your career. If you plan to pursue employment in a licensed profession, please visit the Professional Licensure/Certification Disclosures by State* interactive map for additional information and contact your academic unit representative as soon as possible.

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the disclosure electronically.

*Web page link: https://psu.edu/state-licensure-disclosures

How to Respond to Applicant Inquiries

If applicants plan to pursue employment in a licensed profession, it’s important for them to understand how state licensing board requirements may impact their career. Prospective graduate students with questions or concerns should contact their academic department for assistance.

For additional information about Professional Licensure/Certification, faculty and staff members can visit the OPAIR PLC web page at: https://opair.psu.edu/plc/

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