WHAT'S YOUR DEGREE WORTH?

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

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

Drug or alcohol convictions can include:

Learn more at http://knowthelaw.missouri.edu.

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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Columbia College
Counseling Services - 573.875.7423
www.ccis.edu/counselingservices

Drury University
Counseling Services - 417.873.7419
www.drury.edu/counseling

Evangel University
Counseling Services/Wellness Center - 417.865.2815, ext. 7222
www.evangel.edu/offices/student-development/counseling-center

Harris-Stowe State University
Office of Counseling Services and Prevention - 314.340.5112

Lincoln University
Student Health Services - 573.681.5476

Maryville University of Saint Louis
Health & Wellness Services - 314.529.9520
www.maryville.edu/studentlife-health.htm

Missouri Southern State University
MSSU Wellness 417.626.9533
www.mssu.edu/wellness

Missouri State University
Taylor Health and Wellness Center - 417.836.4045

Missouri University of Science & Technology
Counseling, Disability Support, and Student Wellness - 573.341.4211
counsel.mst.edu

Missouri Western State University
Counseling Center - 816.271.4327

Northwest Missouri State University
University Wellness Services - 660.562.1348
www.nwmissouri.edu/wellness

Rockhurst University
Counseling Center - 816.501.4275

Saint Louis University
Student Health and Counseling Services - 314.977.2323

Southeast Missouri State University
Counseling and Disability - 573.986.6191
www.semo.edu/SAPE

State Technical College of Missouri
Student Services - 573.897.5110

Truman State University
University Counseling Services - 660.785.4014
ucs.truman.edu

University of Central Missouri
Office of Violence and Substance Abuse Prevention - 660.543.8338
www.ucmo.edu/VSAP

University of Missouri
Wellness Resource Center - 573.882.4634
wellness.missouri.edu

University of Missouri-Kansas City
Counseling, Health and Testing - 816.235.1635
www.umkc.edu/chtc

University of Missouri-St. Louis
Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Coordinator - 314.516.6369
www.umsl.edu/swbs

Westminster College
Counseling & Health Services - 573.592.5361
www.westminster-mo.edu/studentlife/chs

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The following occupations may be denied to you for misdemeanor and felony alcohol or drug convictions.

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<td>Counselor</td>
<td>Master's degree in Counseling; supervised clinical experience; state exam *</td>
<td>CACREP, CORE, or NBCC *</td>
<td>The Committee may refuse to issue, revoke, or suspend license **</td>
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<td>Psychologist</td>
<td>Doctoral degree in psychology from an accredited program; internship, dissertation *</td>
<td>Missouri State Committee of Psychologists *</td>
<td>Qualifications for licensure include &quot;good moral character&quot; ($337.200)**; The Board may deny, revoke, or suspend license ($337.525)</td>
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<td>Social Worker</td>
<td>Bachelor's degree in Social Work (BSW); Master's degree in Social Work (MSW)</td>
<td>State Committee for Social Workers*</td>
<td>Qualifications for licensure include “good moral character” ($337.615)<strong>; The Board may deny, revoke, or suspend license ($337.630)</strong></td>
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<td>Teacher</td>
<td>Bachelor's degree from an accredited teacher education program</td>
<td>Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education*</td>
<td>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****</td>
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<td><strong>Health Care</strong></td>
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<td>Chiropractor</td>
<td>3-4 years of undergraduate education, followed by a 4 year doctor of chiropractic (D.C.) degree program *</td>
<td>State Board of Chiropractic Examiners ($331.020)**</td>
<td>The board may refuse to issue, renew or reinstate certificate ($331.060)**</td>
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<td>Dentist</td>
<td>Degree in dentistry from an accredited dental school; written and practical exams*</td>
<td>Dental Board ($332.011)</td>
<td>Qualifications for licensure include &quot;good moral character&quot; ($332.131)<strong>; The board may deny, revoke, or suspend license ($335.066)</strong></td>
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<td>Nurse</td>
<td>Degree from an approved nursing program; National exam*</td>
<td>Missouri State Board of Nursing**</td>
<td>Qualifications for licensure include &quot;good moral character&quot; ($335.046)<strong>; The board may deny, revoke, or suspend license ($335.066)</strong></td>
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<td>Pharmacist</td>
<td>Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D); Doctoral or Professional degree; 2 exams*</td>
<td>Missouri Board of Pharmacy*</td>
<td>Qualifications for licensure include &quot;good moral character&quot; ($338.030)<strong>; The board may deny, revoke, or suspend license ($338.055)</strong></td>
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<td>Physical Therapist</td>
<td>Doctoral degree in physical therapy *</td>
<td>Board of Registration for the Healing Arts ($334.020)**</td>
<td>Qualifications for licensure include &quot;good moral character&quot; ($334.530)**</td>
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<td>Physician</td>
<td>Degree from a reputable medical college of osteopathy, accredited by the American Medical Association</td>
<td>Board of Registration for the Healing Arts ($334.020)**</td>
<td>Qualifications for licensure include &quot;good moral character&quot; ($334.031)<strong>; The board may deny, revoke, or suspend license ($334.100)</strong></td>
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<td>Speech and Language Pathologist/Audiologist</td>
<td>Master's Degree**</td>
<td>Missouri State Advisory Commission for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists **</td>
<td>Qualifications for licensure include &quot;good moral character&quot; ($337.615)<strong>; The Board may deny, revoke, or suspend license ($337.630)</strong></td>
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<td>Veterinarian</td>
<td>Degree with a y-year program at an accredited college of veterinary medicine*; North American Veterinary Licensing Exam*</td>
<td>Veterinary Medicine Board</td>
<td>Qualifications for licensure include &quot;good moral character&quot; ($340.228)<strong>; The Board may deny, revoke, or suspend license ($340.264)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Government</strong></td>
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<td>Military Service</td>
<td>High school diploma and in some cases, a GED</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Government Agent (ATF, DEA, FBI, Secret Service)</td>
<td>Bachelor's degree</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>Fail mandatory security clearances; ineligible for employment*</td>
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<td>Police Officer</td>
<td>Bachelor's degree</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>Fail mandatory background checks; ineligible for employment*</td>
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<td><strong>Business</strong></td>
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<td>Accountant</td>
<td>At least a bachelor's degree in accounting or related field*</td>
<td>State Board of Accountancy*</td>
<td>Qualifications for licensure include &quot;good moral character&quot; ($326.060)<strong>; The Board may deny, revoke, or suspend license ($326.310)</strong></td>
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<td>Lawyer/Attorney</td>
<td>Bachelor's or other 4-year undergraduate degree; Juris Doctorate degree, bar exam***</td>
<td>Admission to the Missouri Bar***</td>
<td>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.***</td>
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<td>Professional Engineer</td>
<td>Bachelor's degree in Engineering from an ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology) accredited school*</td>
<td>Professional Engineer license; state exam*</td>
<td>Qualifications for licensure include &quot;good moral character&quot; ($327.221)**</td>
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*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

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