CORI Policy - Criminal Offender Record Information
SORI Policy – Sexual Offender Record Information
Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing Licensure Policy 00-01, Determination of Good Moral Character Compliance.

CORI and SORI are state statutes that regulate licensure as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse. Prior to official enrollment and at the beginning of each semester in Nursing Programs, all accepted applicants and students must give permission for CORI and a SORI check. Some clinical agencies prohibit clinical participation if there is a finding when the CORI check is complete. Participation in planned clinical experiences throughout the curriculum is required; however, acceptance into the program does not guarantee placement in a clinical agency. All applicants and nursing students will be subject to the Criminal Record Information Act (CORI check), the Sex Offender Registry Information Act (SORI), Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 6, Section 172-178, and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 18a, Section 1, et. seq., and regulations promulgated pursuant to such statutes. Court record/past conviction may present a barrier to eligibility for licensure as a registered nurse (RN) or as a licensed practical nurse (LPN). Applicants with a court record/past conviction are advised to consult an attorney to determine eligibility to meet legal qualifications for nurse licensure in Massachusetts.

All applicants for licensure as RN or LPN must be of “good moral character” as required by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing statutes and regulations. The licensure applicant must have had no criminal convictions for a minimum of five (5) years before the date of submission of the license application, and must have successfully completed all court ordered stipulations a minimum of one (1) year before the applicant will be considered for licensure by the Board (Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 112, ss. 74, 74A, and 76). Refer to http://www.state.ma.us/reg/boards/rn for further information.

Students accepted to an educational program that prepares for licensure as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse should be aware that a court record may present a barrier to her/his ability to obtain licensure in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and other jurisdictions in the United States.

Student Signature: __________________________________________ Date: ______________________