

An Applicant will be disqualified from the NIMAA 8-month training program based on the following guidelines:

- Any violent felony convictions of homicide. (No time limit)
- Crimes of violence (assault, sexual offenses, arson, kidnapping, any crime against an at-risk adult or juvenile, etc.) as defined in section 18-1.3-406 C.R.S. in the ten years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any offense involving unlawful sexual behavior in the ten years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any crime, the underlying basis of which has been found by the court on the record to include an act of domestic violence, as defined in section 18-6-800.3 C.R.S. in the seven years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any crime of child abuse, as defined in section 18-6-401 C.R.S. in the seven years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any crime related to the sale, possession, distribution, or transfer of narcotics or controlled substances in the seven years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any felony theft crimes in the seven years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any offense of sexual assault on a client by a psychotherapist, as defined in section 18-3-405.5 C.R.S. in the seven years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Crimes of moral turpitude (prostitution, public lewdness/exposure, etc.) in the seven years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Registered Sex Offenders. (No time limit)
- Any offense in another state, the elements of which are substantially similar to the elements of any of the above offenses.
- More than one (1) D.U.I. in the seven years immediately preceding the submittal of application. NIMAA will facilitate background checking procedures.

Background check results will not be provided to any entity outside of NIMAA, except that NIMAA may provide the background check report to the student's assigned externship organization if authorized to do so by the student. NIMAA will notify all externship organizations of whether or not the students placed at their clinics have passed the background check based on the criteria provided. Applicants should be aware that the clinical externship site can request an additional background check and refuse a student based upon their own background check criteria. Applicants should check state regulations related to criminal convictions and the ability to be licensed.