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Policy Title: **BCI Report**

Scope : **All Students and Faculty**

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1. PURPOSE & DEFINITION

- 1.1. To establish the requirement for BCI Reports

2. APPLICABILITY

- 2.1. All office and instructional staff will be required to have on file a BCI report. If there are any criminal offenses on the report, they will be reviewed by administration to determine appropriateness for employment. If necessary, the RI Office of the Post-Secondary Commissioner will be contacted for guidance. Office and instructional staff whose BCI status might change are required to report this immediately.
- 2.2. All students who will attend any portion of any course in person (including laboratory sessions or clinical rotations) or who are enrolled in training the goal of which is initial state licensure, must have on file a BCI report.

3. RESPONSIBILITY

- 3.1. It is the responsibility of the applicable party to acquire at his/her own expense and submit this report to 911Programs.
- 3.2. Applicants requiring a BCI report must submit a the report to 911Programs before the course begins.

4. CRIMINAL HISTORY

- 4.1. Applicants with a criminal history seeking admission to a licensed program (i.e. EMT, CNA) may or may not be able to acquire a license issued by their local licensing agency (i.e Department of Health). It is understandable that such applicants are naturally concerned about spending time and money taking a program that may not ultimately result in licensure eligibility. In accordance with regulations mandated by the Rhode Island Department of Education and various clinical sites with whom we have affiliations, 911Programs requires that all prospective applicants submit at their own expense a recent BCI background check. However, 911Programs does not evaluate BCI background checks to determine or suggest eligibility to enter clinical rotations or acquire a license upon graduation. In the former case, eligibility will be handled on a case-by-case basis with the anticipated clinical site(s). In the latter case, state licensure, only the specific agency within the Department of Health (i.e. Center for EMS, Department of Nursing) can determine eligibility.
- 4.2. Rhode Island Department of Health
 - 4.2.1. It is important to note however that the specific agency/departments within the RI DOH historically have NOT dealt with these questions in a hypothetical scenario. In other words, the departments will only make a determination once an applicant for licensure actually applies for a license - not before. This means that the applicant

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would have to successfully complete the training program and apply to the DOH for licensure - only then will a determination for eligibility be made.

- 4.3. Therefore program applicants with any criminal history must carefully consider the risk of taking the program and not being able to acquire a state license upon application for it. That being said, as of the date of this notice we are not aware of any graduate who failed to be eligible to acquire a license based on a criminal background history. Regardless, 911Programs makes no claim nor accepts any responsibility for eligibility for state licensure.