

DISQUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

Lancaster County Veterans Court values the opinion of law enforcement and crime victims. The arresting officers and the victims of offenders who apply for the Veterans Court program will be consulted for their opinion regarding diverting offenders into the program at the discretion of the District Attorney's Office.

Lancaster County Veterans Court will review the offenses pertaining to each referral made to the program. Certain offenses are automatically excluded from the program. The following guidelines are in place with regard to ineligible offenses:

- Homicide and registerable sex offences will not be considered under any circumstances
- Offender has a medical or mental health diagnosis that does not allow for functional participation in the Veterans Court Program
- The defendant cannot have any unresolved out-of-county or out-of-state criminal charges.
- Inability to provide form DD214 within 30 days of application.

Veterans Court will also consider an offender's prior record when determining eligibility. A record of excluded offenses will not result in immediate dismissal of the referral; however may be considered as an exclusionary factor. Final eligibility requires the approval of the Veterans Court Team and the presiding Veterans Court Judge.