

**Report of 2015 NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rates  
 For Professional Nursing Education Programs**

**Summary:**

The period between October 1 and ending September 30 is used for the purpose of determining programs' NCLEX-RN® examination pass rates. The attached report provides final 2015 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rates of first time test-takers from the professional nursing education programs in Texas. Programs with an asterisk (\*) are commended for their pass rates of 90% or above. New programs that have not had graduates or first time test-takers during the examination year are not included in the report. Rule 215.4(c) states that "Approval status is determined biennially by the Board on the basis of the program's compliance audit, NCLEX-RN examination pass rate, and other pertinent data." Certificates of Approval are provided to all programs every two (2) years and will be provided in 2016.

**Trends:**

- The overall 2015 NCLEX-RN examination pass rate for Texas programs is 85.22% (9,485/11,130), which is one percent (1%) above the national average of 84.18%. The NCLEX-RN passing standard was raised by the NCSBN Board of Directors in December 2012 and made effective April 1, 2013, based upon findings in the RN Practice Analysis. As expected, the pass rates dropped by approximately 8% in 2013 and they are rebounding to the norm. Statistics from NCSBN related to trends in NCLEX examination pass rates after an upward change in the passing score indicate a usual drop in pass rates followed by a rebound upward in about two (2) years.
- Texas is one of three (3) states with more than 10,000 first-time candidates for the NCLEX-RN examination. The other two (2) states are California and Florida.
- Thirty-six (36) professional nursing education programs in Texas experienced a ninety percent (90%) or higher 2015 NCLEX-RN examination pass rate, six (6) with 100%.

The following table provides a comparison of Texas RN pass rates with the national average.

Year	2015	2014	2013	2012
Average for Texas Programs	85.22% 9,485/11,130	81.02% 9,560/11,800	83.93% 9,290/11,069	90.70% 9,627/10,614
National Average	84.18% 132,864/157,842	81.74% 127,181/155,585	84.29% 130,613/154,954	90.22% 135,211/149,869

This report is for information only. No action is required.

**TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING (BON) EXAMINATION REPORT  
FIRST TIME RN CANDIDATES EDUCATED IN TEXAS  
REGARDLESS OF STATE OF INITIAL LICENSURE  
Final Report for 2015 (October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015)**

<b>Diploma Program</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>First-Time Candidates Passed/Attempted</b>	<b>Exam Pass Rate for First-Time Candidates</b>
Covenant School of Nursing	Lubbock	115/130	88.46%
<b>Diploma Totals</b>		<b>115/130</b>	<b>88.46%</b>
<b>ADN Programs</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>First-Time Candidates Passed/Attempted</b>	<b>Exam Pass Rate for First-Time Candidates</b>
Alvin Community College	Alvin	57/61	*93.44%
Amarillo College	Amarillo	109/115	*94.78%
Angelina College	Lufkin	59/66	89.39%
Austin Community College	Austin	247/259	*95.37%
Baptist School of Health Professions	San Antonio	160/181	88.40%
Blinn College	Bryan	77/87	88.51%
Brazosport College	Lake Jackson	24/32	75.00%
Brookhaven College	Farmers Branch	46/48	*95.83%
Career Point College	San Antonio	23/30	76.67%
Central Texas College	Killeen	72/80	*90.00%
Cisco College	Abilene	36/46	78.26%
Clarendon College	Pampa	15/16	*93.75%
Coastal Bend College	Beeville	15/16	*93.75%
College of the Mainland	Texas City	57/70	81.43%
Collin College	McKinney	91/105	86.67%
Concorde Career College	Dallas	6/19	31.58%

<b>ADN Programs</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>First-Time Candidates Passed/Attempted</b>	<b>Exam Pass Rate for First-Time Candidates</b>
Dallas Nursing Institute	Dallas	12/26	46.15%
Del Mar College	Corpus Christi	81/90	*90.00%
El Centro College	Dallas	230/304	75.66%
El Paso Community College	El Paso	106/136	77.94%
Everest College	Fort Worth	13/20	65.00%
Galen College of Nursing	San Antonio	206/231	89.18%
Galveston College	Galveston	44/51	86.27%
Grayson County College	Denison	102/118	86.44%
Hallmark College	San Antonio	44/63	69.84%
Hill College	Hillsboro	11/13	84.62%
Houston Community College	Houston	80/102	78.43%
Howard College	Big Spring	38/38	*100.00%
ITT Technical Institute	Richardson	19/38	50.00%
Kilgore College	Kilgore	76/92	82.61%
Lamar State College	Orange	20/25	80.00%
Lamar State College	Port Arthur	85/187	45.45%
Lamar University	Beaumont	1/2	Closed program 50.00%
Laredo Community College	Laredo	27/27	*100.00%
Lee College	Baytown	59/70	84.29%
Lone Star – Cyfair	Cypress	49/56	87.50%
Lone Star – Kingwood	Kingwood	93/109	85.32%
Lone Star – Montgomery	Conroe	48/52	*92.31%
Lone Star – North Harris	Houston	80/100	80.00%
Lone Star – Tomball	Tomball	36/42	85.71%
McLennan Community College	Waco	100/115	86.96%
Midland College	Midland	31/38	81.58%

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Mountain View College	Dallas	19/20	*95.00%
Navarro College	Corsicana	87/96	*90.63%
North Central Texas College	Gainesville	51/64	79.69%
Northeast Texas Community College	Mt. Pleasant	24/34	70.59%
Odessa College	Odessa	30/32	*93.75%
Panola College	Carthage	25/27	*92.59%
Paris Junior College	Paris	40/53	75.47%
Ranger College	Early	12/12	*100.00%
San Antonio College	San Antonio	258/317	81.39%
San Jacinto College-Central	Pasadena	122/136	89.71%
San Jacinto College-South	Houston	30/35	85.71%
South Plains College	Levelland	75/91	82.42%
South Texas College	McAllen	151/190	79.47%
Southwest Texas Junior College	Uvalde	4/8	50.00%
Tarrant County College	Fort Worth	187/226	82.74%
Temple College	Temple	67/82	81.71%
Texarkana College	Texarkana	55/72	76.39%
Texas Southmost College	Brownsville	40/70	57.14%
Texas State Technical College-Harlingen	Harlingen	19/26	73.08% Closed program
Texas State Technical College-West Texas	Brownwood	32/36	88.89%
Trinity Valley Community College	Kaufman	95/113	84.07%
Tyler Junior College	Tyler	134/167	80.24%
Vernon College	Vernon	69/78	88.46%
Victoria College	Victoria	61/72	84.72%
Weatherford College	Weatherford	110/133	82.71%

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Wharton County Junior College	Wharton	53/59	89.83%
<b>ADN Programs Total</b>		<b>4635/5625</b>	<b>82.40%</b>
<b>BSN Programs</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>First-Time Candidates Passed/Attempted</b>	<b>Exam Pass Rate for First-Time Candidates</b>
Abilene Christian University	Abilene	38/48	79.17%
Angelo State University	San Angelo	58/68	85.29%
Baylor University	Dallas	187/193	*96.89%
Chamberlain College of Nursing	Houston	69/103	66.99%
Concordia University	Austin	30/30	*100.00%
East Texas Baptist University	Marshall	14/14	*100.00%
Houston Baptist University	Houston	53/67	79.10%
Lamar University	Beaumont	104/111	*93.69%
Midwestern State University	Wichita Falls	109/132	82.58%
Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing	Abilene	42/56	75.00%
Prairie View A&M University	Houston	104/129	80.62%
Sam Houston State University	Huntsville	59/67	88.06%
Schreiner University	Kerrville	11/19	57.89%
Southwestern Adventist University	Keene	38/50	76.00%
Stephen F. Austin State University	Nacogdoches	114/132	86.36%
Tarleton State University	Stephenville	100/110	*90.91%
Texas A&M HSC School of Nursing	College Station	83/84	*98.81%
Texas A&M International University	Laredo	47/50	*94.00%
Texas A&M University Commerce	Commerce	12/15	80.00%
Texas A&M University	Corpus Christi	164/184	89.13%
Texas Christian University	Fort Worth	177/193	*91.71%
Texas State University – San Marcos	Round Rock	83/84	*98.81%
Texas Tech HSC – Gayle Greve Hunt SON	El Paso	39/46	84.78%

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Texas Tech HSC SON	Lubbock	281/306	*91.83%
Texas Woman's University	Denton	316/340	*92.94%
University of Houston-Victoria	Victoria	32/32	*100.00%
University of the Incarnate Word	San Antonio	69/74	*93.24%
University of Mary Hardin Baylor	Belton	145/183	79.23%
University of St. Thomas SON	Houston	23/34	67.65%
University of Texas at Arlington	Arlington	391/445	87.87%
University of Texas at Austin	Austin	115/120	*95.83%
University of Texas at El Paso	El Paso	265/328	80.79%
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Edinburg	72/92	78.26%
University of Texas Permian Basin	Odessa	11/12	*91.67%
University of Texas at Tyler	Tyler	215/226	*95.13%
University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston	Houston	277/290	*95.52%
University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio	San Antonio	240/301	79.73%
University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston	Galveston	265/282	*93.97%
Wayland Baptist University	San Antonio	74/86	86.05% Closed program
West Coast University	Dallas	102/125	81.60%
West Texas A&M University	Canyon	43/44	*97.73%
Western Governors University	Austin	12/17	70.59%
<b>BSN Programs Total</b>		<b>4683/5322</b>	<b>87.99%</b>
<b>MSN Programs Alternate Entry</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>First-Time Candidates Passed/Attempted</b>	<b>Exam Pass Rate for First-Time Candidates</b>
University of Texas at Austin Partial MSN	Austin	52/53	*98.11%
<b>MSN Total</b>		<b>52/53</b>	<b>98.11%</b>
<b>Grand Total for Texas</b>		<b>9485/11130</b>	<b>85.22%</b>
<b>National Average</b>		<b>132,864/157,842</b>	<b>84.18%</b>