

**Report of 2017 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 2017 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rates of first time test-takers from the professional nursing education programs in Texas as well as for clinical competency assessment programs operated out-of-state, for the purpose of meeting requirements of HB 2950 passed during the 85th regular session of the Texas Legislature. Programs with an asterisk (*) are commended for their pass rates of 90% or above. New programs that have not had graduates 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 years and will be provided in 2018.

Trends:

- The overall 2017 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for Texas programs is 89.77% (10,386/11,570), which is above the national average of 86.94%. The NCLEX-RN passing standard was last 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 but they have improved each year since then. 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 years.
- Texas is one of three states with more than 10,000 first-time candidates for the NCLEX-RN® examination. The other two states are California and Florida.
- Sixty-six professional nursing education programs in Texas experienced a ninety percent (90%) or higher 2017 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate, seven of the 66 with 100%.

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

Year	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Average for Texas Programs	89.77% 10,386/11,570	87.14% 9,945/11,413	85.22% 9,485/11,130	81.02% 9,560/11,800	83.93% 9,290/11,069
National Average	86.94% 136,533/157,045	84.30% 133,224/158,033	84.18% 132,864/157,842	81.74% 127,181/155,585	84.29% 130,613/154,954

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

**TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING (BON) EXAMINATION REPORT
 FIRST TIME RN CANDIDATES EDUCATED IN TEXAS - PRELIMINARY
 REGARDLESS OF STATE OF INITIAL LICENSURE
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(* = Programs with pass rates over 90%)

Diploma Program	Location	First-Time Candidates Passed/Attempted	Exam Pass Rate for First-Time Candidates
Covenant School of Nursing	Lubbock	107/113	*94.69%
Diploma Totals		107/113	94.69%
ADN Programs	Location	First-Time Candidates Passed/Attempted	Exam Pass Rate for First-Time Candidates
Alvin Community College	Alvin	60/63	*95.24%
Amarillo College	Amarillo	108/117	*92.31%
Angelina College	Lufkin	64/75	85.33%
Austin Community College	Austin	204/227	89.87%
Baptist Health System	San Antonio	199/211	*94.31%
Blinn College	Bryan	86/91	*94.51%
Brazosport College	Lake Jackson	16/17	*94.12%
Brookhaven College	Farmers Branch	61/66	*92.42%
Career Point College	San Antonio	53/132	40.15% Closed program
Carrington College	Mesquite	5/12	41.67%
Central Texas College	Killeen	41/46	89.13%
Cisco College	Abilene	36/43	83.72%
Clarendon College	Pampa	23/30	76.67%
Coastal Bend College	Beeville	16/19	84.21%
College of the Mainland	Texas City	41/44	*93.18%
Collin College	McKinney	146/156	*93.59%
Concorde Career College	Dallas	25/43	58.14%
Dallas Nursing Institute	Dallas	31/34	*91.18%

ADN Programs	Location	First-Time Candidates Passed/Attempted	Exam Pass Rate for First-Time Candidates
Del Mar College	Corpus Christi	109/117	*93.16%
El Centro College	Dallas	195/279	69.89%
El Paso Community College	El Paso	95/102	*93.14%
Galen College of Nursing	San Antonio	246/275	89.45%
Galveston College	Galveston	44/50	88.00%
Grayson County College	Denison	90/100	*90.00%
Hallmark College	San Antonio	42/48	87.50% Closed program
Hill College	Hillsboro	10/12	83.33%
Houston Community College	Houston	79/93	84.95%
Howard College	Big Spring	30/31	*96.77%
Howard College	San Angelo	15/18	83.33%
ITT Technical Institute	Richardson	1/4	25.00% Closed program
Kilgore College	Kilgore	39/44	88.64%
Lamar State College	Orange	35/40	87.50%
Lamar State College	Port Arthur	1/6	16.67% Closed program
Lamar State College	Port Arthur	21/27	77.77% New program
Laredo Community College	Laredo	37/37	*100%
Lee College	Baytown	56/65	86.15%
Lone Star – Cyfair	Cypress	62/66	*93.94%
Lone Star – Kingwood	Kingwood	108/111	*97.30%
Lone Star – Montgomery	Conroe	52/52	*100%
Lone Star – North Harris	Houston	86/93	*92.47%
Lone Star – Tomball	Tomball	35/37	*94.59%
McLennan Community College	Waco	81/104	77.88%
Midland College	Midland	56/59	*94.92%
Mountain View College	Dallas	25/26	*96.15%

ADN Programs	Location	First-Time Candidates Passed/Attempted	Exam Pass Rate for First-Time Candidates
Navarro College	Corsicana	61/80	76.25%
North Central Texas College	Gainesville	74/88	84.09%
Northeast Texas Community College	Mt. Pleasant	33/37	89.19%
Odessa College	Odessa	41/44	*93.18%
Panola College	Carthage	53/54	*98.15%
Paris Junior College	Paris	20/22	*90.91%
Ranger College	Early	14/16	87.50%
San Antonio College	San Antonio	131/159	82.39%
San Jacinto College-Central	Pasadena	198/217	*91.24%
San Jacinto College-South	Houston	53/60	88.33%
South Plains College	Levelland	66/77	85.71%
South Texas College	McAllen	201/234	85.90%
Southwest Texas Junior College	Uvalde	22/24	*91.67%
St. Philip's College	San Antonio	5/8	62.50%
Tarrant County College	Fort Worth	238/270	88.15%
Temple College	Temple	63/69	*91.30%
Texarkana College	Texarkana	66/71	*92.96%
Texas Southmost College	Brownsville	12/17	70.59%
Texas State Technical College-West Texas	Sweetwater	67/72	*93.06%
The College of Health Care Professions	Houston	21/31	67.74%
Trinity Valley Community College	Kaufman	92/109	84.40%
Tyler Junior College	Tyler	96/100	*96.00%
Vernon College	Vernon	85/91	*93.41%
Victoria College	Victoria	80/87	*91.95%
Weatherford College	Weatherford	104/116	89.66%
Wharton County Junior College	Wharton	41/42	*97.62%

ADN Programs Total		4,802/5,517	87.04%
BSN Programs	Location	First-Time Candidates Passed/Attempted	Exam Pass Rate for First-Time Candidates
Abilene Christian University	Abilene	40/44	*90.91%
Angelo State University	San Angelo	56/64	87.50%
Baylor University	Dallas	200/205	*97.56%
Chamberlain College of Nursing	Houston	106/132	80.30%
Chamberlain College of Nursing	Pearland	34/36	*94.44%
Concordia University	Austin	38/38	*100%
East Texas Baptist University	Marshall	17/17	*100%
Houston Baptist University	Houston	52/58	89.66%
Lamar University	Beaumont	108/117	*92.31%
LeTourneau University	Longview	16/16	*100%
Midwestern State University	Wichita Falls	127/145	87.59%
Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing	Abilene	23/25	*92.00%
Prairie View A&M University	Houston	97/126	76.98%
Sam Houston State University	Huntsville	82/89	*92.13%
Schreiner University	Kerrville	24/28	85.71% Closed program
South University	Austin	9/11	81.82%
Southwestern Adventist University	Keene	30/34	88.24%
Stephen F. Austin State University	Nacogdoches	113/117	*96.58%
Tarleton State University	Stephenville	130/169	76.92%
Texas A&M HSC School of Nursing	Bryan	136/139	*97.84%
Texas A&M International University	Laredo	67/71	*94.37%
Texas A&M University Commerce	Commerce	23/25	*92.00%
Texas A&M University	Corpus Christi	188/206	*91.26%

BSN Programs	Location	First-Time Candidates Passed/Attempted	Exam Pass Rate for First-Time Candidates
Texas Christian University	Fort Worth	148/153	*96.73%
Texas Lutheran University	Seguin	10/11	*90.91%
Texas State University	Round Rock	86/86	*100%
Texas Tech HSC – Gayle Greve Hunt SON	El Paso	74/87	85.06%
Texas Tech HSC SON	Lubbock	357/369	*96.75%
Texas Woman’s University	Denton	386/410	*94.15%
University of Houston SON	Sugar Land	53/53	*100%
University of the Incarnate Word	San Antonio	65/65	*100%
University of Mary Hardin Baylor	Belton	144/159	*90.57%
University of St. Thomas SON	Houston	28/33	84.85%
University of Texas at Arlington	Arlington	480/528	*90.91%
University of Texas at Austin	Austin	107/115	*93.04%
University of Texas at El Paso	El Paso	191/202	*94.55%
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Edinburg	123/133	*92.48%
University of Texas Permian Basin	Odessa	32/50	64.00%
University of Texas at Tyler	Tyler	280/302	*92.72%
University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston	Houston	319/335	*95.22%
University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio	San Antonio	245/250	*98.00%
University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston	Galveston	313/323	*96.90%
Wayland Baptist University	San Antonio	2/3	66.67% Closed program
West Coast University	Dallas	158/189	83.60%
West Texas A&M University	Canyon	69/73	*94.52%
Western Governors University	Austin	49/56	87.50%
BSN Programs Total		5,435/5,897	92.17%

MSN Programs	Location	First-Time Candidates Passed/Attempted	Exam Pass Rate for First-Time Candidates
University of Texas at Austin Partial MSN	Austin	42/43	*97.67%
MSN Total		42/43	97.67%
Grand Total for Texas		10,386/11,570	89.77%
National Average		136,533/157,045	86.94%

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Excelsior College	Albany, New York	506/654	77.37%

¹ - HB 2950 passed during the 85th Regular Legislative Session amended the Nursing Practice Act, Section 301.157(d-11) to cause the Board to monitor NCLEX-RN® pass rates for clinical competency assessment programs operated out-of-state as a means to determine substantive equivalence to Board standards.