

**Report of 2020 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 2020 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 85<sup>th</sup> 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 2022.

**Trends:**

- The overall 2020 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for Texas programs is 91.00% (12,039/13,231), which is above the national average of 86.76%. 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.
- 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.
- Fifty-nine active professional nursing education programs in Texas experienced a ninety percent (90%) or higher 2020 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate with 10 programs scoring 100%.
- Seven programs will be required to submit a Self-Study Report for a pass rate below 80%.

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

Year	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Average for Texas Programs	91.00% 12,039/13,231	91.90% 11,905/12,954	91.62% 11,446/12,493	89.77% 10,386/11,570	87.14% 9,945/11,413
National Average	86.76% 151,617/174,750	88.07% 150,508/170,899	88.56% 143,508/162,041	86.94% 136,533/157,045	84.30% 133,224/158,033

**TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING (BON) EXAMINATION PASS RATE REPORT**  
**FIRST TIME RN CANDIDATES EDUCATED IN TEXAS**  
**REGARDLESS OF STATE OF INITIAL LICENSURE**  
**Final Report for 2020 (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020)**

(\* = Programs with pass rates over 90%)

<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	167/181	*92.27%
<b>Diploma Totals</b>		<b>167/181</b>	<b>92.27%</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	65/68	*95.59%
Amarillo College	Amarillo	125/134	*93.28%
Angelina College	Lufkin	54/63	85.71%
Austin Community College	Austin	253/274	*92.34%
Baptist Health System	San Antonio	193/217	88.94%
Blinn College	Bryan	89/89	*100%
Brazosport College	Lake Jackson	29/34	85.29%
Brookhaven College	Farmers Branch	80/92	86.96%
Career Point College	San Antonio, Austin	2/3	66.67% Closed program
Carrington College	Mesquite	10/11	90.91% Closed program
Central Texas College	Killeen	68/73	*93.15%
Cisco College	Abilene	64/75	85.33%
Clarendon College	Pampa	25/33	75.76%
Coastal Bend College	Beeville	56/81	69.14%
College of Nursing and Advanced Health Professions	Richardson	28/52	53.85%
College of the Mainland	Texas City	68/77	88.31%
Collin College	McKinney	186/205	*90.73%
Concorde Career College	Dallas	0/1	0% Closed Program
Delmar College	Corpus Christi	133/158	84.18%

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El Centro College	Dallas	85/94	*90.43%
El Paso Community College	El Paso	120/127	*94.49%
Galen College of Nursing	San Antonio	411/470	87.45%
Galveston College	Galveston	39/59	66.10%
Grayson College	Denison	117/132	88.64%
Hill College	Hillsboro	7/8	87.50%
Houston Community College	Houston	105/135	77.78%
Howard College	Big Spring	31/31	*100%
Howard College	San Angelo	38/41	*92.68%
ITT Technical Institute	Richardson	1/3	33.33% Closed program
Kilgore College	Kilgore	48/66	72.73%
Lamar State College	Orange	38/44	86.36%
Lamar State College	Port Arthur	40/46	86.96%
Laredo College	Laredo	33/33	*100%
Lee College	Baytown	48/59	81.36%
Lone Star – Cyfair	Cypress	51/54	*94.44%
Lone Star – Kingwood	Kingwood	84/93	*90.32%
Lone Star – Montgomery	Conroe	47/48	*97.92%
Lone Star – North Harris	Houston	117/133	87.97%
Lone Star – Tomball	Tomball	43/47	*91.49%
McLennan Community College	Waco	47/54	87.04%
Midland College	Midland	54/57	*94.74%
Mountain View College	Dallas	37/37	*100%
Navarro College	Corsicana	84/90	*93.33%
North Central Texas College	Gainesville	90/101	89.11%
Northeast Texas Community College	Mt. Pleasant	62/73	84.93%

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Odessa College	Odessa	62/69	89.86%
Panola College	Carthage	38/45	84.44%
Paris Junior College	Paris	49/57	85.96%
Ranger College	Early	39/47	82.98%
Rio Grande Valley College	Pharr	23/24	*95.83%
San Antonio College	San Antonio	152/172	88.37%
San Jacinto College-Central	Pasadena	126/130	*96.92%
San Jacinto College-South	Houston	60/82	73.17%
South Plains College	Levelland	64/67	*95.52%
South Texas College	McAllen	208/235	88.51%
Southwest Texas Junior College	Del Rio	39/42	*92.86%
Southwest University	El Paso	21/26	80.77%
St. Philip's College	San Antonio	4/5	80.00%
Tarrant County College	Fort Worth	214/246	86.99%
Temple College	Temple	66/70	*94.29%
Texarkana College	Texarkana	58/66	87.88%
Texas State Technical College-Harlingen	Harlingen	34/38	89.47%
Texas State Technical College-West Texas	Sweetwater	63/86	73.26%
The College of Health Care Professions	Houston	20/35	57.14%
Trinity Valley Community College	Kaufman	89/101	88.12%
Tyler Junior College	Tyler	128/134	*95.52%
Vernon College	Vernon	90/101	89.11%
Victoria College	Victoria	79/88	89.77%
Weatherford College	Weatherford	138/155	89.68%
Wharton County Junior College	Wharton	56/56	*100%
<b>ADN Programs Total</b>		<b>5,325/6,052</b>	<b>87.99%</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	59/66	89.39%
Angelo State University	San Angelo	68/74	*91.89%
Baylor University	Dallas	260/275	*94.55%
Chamberlain College of Nursing	Houston	22/23	*95.65%
Chamberlain College of Nursing	Irving	71/83	85.54%
Chamberlain College of Nursing	Pearland	86/92	*93.48%
Concordia University	Austin	160/168	*95.24%
East Texas Baptist University	Marshall	27/30	*90.00%
Galen College of Nursing	San Antonio	36/41	87.80%
Houston Baptist University	Houston	84/101	83.17%
Lamar University	Beaumont	106/120	88.33%
LeTourneau University	Longview	13/14	*92.86%
Midwestern State University	Wichita Falls	105/118	88.98%
National American University	Austin	11/14	78.57% Plan closing
Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing	Abilene	17/17	*100%
Prairie View A&M University	Houston	76/85	89.41%
Sam Houston State University	Huntsville	109/110	*99.09%
Schreiner University	Kerrville	10/10	100%
South University	Austin	34/39	87.18%
Southwestern Adventist University	Keene	30/34	88.24%
Stephen F. Austin State University	Nacogdoches	108/111	*97.30%
Tarleton State University	Stephenville	165/185	89.19%
Texas A&M HSC School of Nursing	Bryan	134/135	*99.26%
Texas A&M International University	Laredo	66/68	*97.06%
Texas A&M University Commerce	Commerce	29/31	*93.55%

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Texas A&M University	Corpus Christi	213/253	84.19%
Texas A&M University	Texarkana	10/10	*100%
Texas Christian University	Fort Worth	177/186	*95.16%
Texas Lutheran University	Seguin	19/22	86.36%
Texas State University	Round Rock	99/99	*100%
Texas Tech HSC – Gayle Greve Hunt SON	El Paso	116/133	87.22%
Texas Tech HSC SON	Lubbock	485/505	*96.04%
Texas Woman’s University	Denton	378/395	*95.70%
University of Houston College of Nursing	Sugar Land	67/67	*100%
University of the Incarnate Word	San Antonio	78/79	*98.73%
University of Mary Hardin Baylor	Belton	141/147	*95.92%
University of St. Thomas SON	Houston	49/56	87.50%
University of Texas at Arlington	Arlington	672/712	*94.38%
University of Texas at Austin	Austin	121/126	*96.03%
University of Texas at El Paso	El Paso	247/253	*97.63%
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Edinburg	106/115	*92.17%
University of Texas Permian Basin	Odessa	23/28	82.14%
University of Texas at Tyler	Tyler	389/424	*91.75%
University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston	Houston	322/331	*97.28%
University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio	San Antonio	280/292	*95.89%
University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston	Galveston	296/300	*98.67%
Wayland Baptist University	San Antonio	28/36	77.78%
West Coast University	Dallas	155/170	*91.18%
West Texas A&M University	Canyon	67/73	*91.78%
Western Governors University	Austin	68/85	80.00%
<b>BSN Programs Total</b>		<b>6,492/6,941</b>	<b>93.53%</b>

<b>MSN Programs</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	55/57	*96.49%
<b>MSN Total</b>		<b>55/57</b>	<b>96.49%</b>
<b>Grand Total for Texas</b>		<b>12,039/13,231</b>	<b>91.00%</b>
<b>National Average</b>		<b>151,617/174,750</b>	<b>86.76%</b>

<b>ADN Program</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>First-Time Candidates Passed/Attempted</b>	<b>Exam Pass Rate for First-Time Candidates</b>
Excelsior College	Albany, New York	769/992	77.52%