

**Report of 2021 NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rates  
 For Professional Nursing Education Programs**

**Summary:**

The period for this pass rate report extends from October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 as the examination year was moved to a calendar year for professional nursing education programs per Board approval at the January 2021 meeting. The attached report provides final 2021 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 2021 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for Texas programs is 86.70% (13,293/15,333), which is above the national average of 82.13%.
- Board Staff were sensitive to the possible effects of COVID-19 and the longer period of time used in calculating the pass rates and verified that no program was disadvantaged by losing approval by the additional quarter included in the 2021 examination year.
- 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.
- Forty-six active professional nursing education programs in Texas experienced a ninety percent (90%) or higher 2021 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate with four programs scoring 100%.
- Thirteen 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	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Average for Texas Programs	86.70% 13,293/15,333	91.00% 12,039/13,231	91.90% 11,905/12,954	91.62% 11,446/12,493	89.77% 10,386/11,570
National Average	82.13% 167,214/203,608	86.76% 151,617/174,750	88.07% 150,508/170,899	88.56% 143,508/162,041	86.94% 136,533/157,045

**TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING (BON) EXAMINATION PASS RATE REPORT**  
**FIRST TIME RN CANDIDATES EDUCATED IN TEXAS**  
**REGARDLESS OF STATE OF INITIAL LICENSURE**  
**Preliminary Report for 2021 (October 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021)**

(\* = 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	162/203	79.80%
<b>Diploma Totals</b>		<b>162/203</b>	<b>79.80%</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	65/67	*97.01%
Amarillo College	Amarillo	117/134	87.31%
Angelina College	Lufkin	54/73	73.97%
Austin Community College	Austin	282/323	87.31%
Baptist Health System School of Health	San Antonio	209/245	85.31%
Blinn College	Bryan	89/95	*93.68%
Brazosport College	Lake Jackson	22/26	84.62%
Career Point College	San Antonio, Austin	0/3	0% Closed program
Carrington College	Mesquite	16/30	53.33% Closed program
Central Texas College	Killeen	60/67	89.55%
Cisco College	Abilene	42/54	77.78%
Clarendon College	Pampa	24/36	66.67%
Coastal Bend College	Beeville	49/78	62.82%
College of Nursing and Advanced Health Professions	Richardson	14/27	51.85%
College of the Mainland	Texas City	70/85	82.35%
Collin College	McKinney	89/108	82.41%
Concorde Career College	Dallas	7/21	33.33% Closed Program
Dallas College at Brookhaven	Farmers Branch	47/64	73.44%

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Dallas College at El Centro	Dallas	74/85	87.06%
Dallas College at Mountain View	Dallas	58/60	*96.67%
Del Mar College	Corpus Christi	135/164	82.32%
El Paso Community College	El Paso	120/142	84.51%
Galen College of Nursing	San Antonio	537/634	84.70%
Galveston College	Galveston	46/54	85.19%
Grayson College	Denison	101/115	87.83%
Hill College	Hillsboro	21/22	*95.45%
Houston Community College	Houston	134/237	56.54%
Howard College	Big Spring	36/37	*97.30%
Howard College – San Angelo	San Angelo	42/51	82.35%
Kilgore College	Kilgore	54/74	72.97%
Lamar State College - Orange	Orange	29/34	85.29%
Lamar State College – Port Arthur	Port Arthur	50/55	*90.91%
Laredo College	Laredo	47/48	*97.92%
Lee College	Baytown	30/36	83.33%
Lone Star College – Cyfair	Cypress	50/56	89.29%
Lone Star College – Kingwood	Kingwood	92/102	*90.20%
Lone Star College – Montgomery	Conroe	42/44	*95.45%
Lone Star College – North Harris	Houston	116/149	77.85%
Lone Star College – Tomball	Tomball	50/58	86.21%
McLennan Community College	Waco	45/51	88.24%
Midland College	Midland	38/40	*95.00%
Navarro College	Corsicana	77/86	89.53%
North Central Texas College	Gainesville	85/99	85.86%

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Northeast Texas Community College	Mt. Pleasant	37/42	88.10%
Odessa College	Odessa	64/73	87.67%
Panola College	Carthage	32/34	*94.12%
Paris Junior College	Paris	48/64	75.00%
Ranger College	Early	62/88	70.45%
Rio Grande Valley College	Pharr	21/23	*91.30%
San Antonio College	San Antonio	175/211	82.94%
San Jacinto College-Central	Pasadena	189/210	*90.00%
San Jacinto College-South	Houston	77/85	*90.59%
South Plains College	Levelland	54/84	64.29%
South Texas College	McAllen	266/325	81.85%
Southwest Texas Junior College	Del Rio	36/42	85.71%
Southwest University	El Paso	18/28	64.29%
St. Philip's College	San Antonio	12/12	*100.00%
Tarrant County College	Fort Worth	264/309	85.44%
Temple College	Temple	89/99	89.90%
Texarkana College	Texarkana	68/73	*93.15%
Texas Southmost College	Brownsville	9/10	*90.00%
Texas State Technical College-Harlingen	Harlingen	27/32	84.38%
Texas State Technical College-West Texas	Sweetwater	78/100	78.00%
The College of Health Care Professions	Houston	30/43	69.77%
Trinity Valley Community College	Kaufman	104/115	*90.43%
Tyler Junior College	Tyler	208/221	*94.12%
Vernon College	Vernon	69/85	81.18%
Victoria College	Victoria	66/68	*97.06%
Weatherford College	Weatherford	135/161	83.85%
Wharton County Junior College	Wharton	44/50	88.00%
<b>ADN Programs Total</b>		<b>5,647/6,756</b>	<b>83.58%</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	52/64	81.25%
Angelo State University	San Angelo	67/79	84.81%
Arizona College of Nursing	Dallas	13/14	*92.86%
Baylor University	Dallas	272/299	*90.97%
Chamberlain College of Nursing	Houston	88/96	*91.67%
Chamberlain College of Nursing	Irving	85/97	87.63%
Chamberlain College of Nursing	Pearland	128/143	89.51%
Concordia University	Austin	237/272	87.13%
East Texas Baptist University	Marshall	32/39	82.05%
Galen College of Nursing	San Antonio	89/110	80.91%
Hallmark University	San Antonio	50/51	*98.04%
Houston Baptist University	Houston	87/141	61.70%
Howard Payne University	Brownwood	1/5	20.00%
Lamar University	Beaumont	123/137	89.78%
LeTourneau University	Longview	22/22	*100%
Midwestern State University	Wichita Falls	103/118	87.29%
National American University	Austin	3/12	25.00%
Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing	Abilene	16/19	84.21%
Prairie View A&M University	Houston	94/112	83.93%
Sam Houston State University	Huntsville	125/132	*94.70%
Schreiner University	Kerrville	6/8	75.00%
South University	Austin	26/31	83.87%
Southwestern Adventist University	Keene	45/53	84.91%

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Stephen F. Austin State University	Nacogdoches	143/147	*97.28%
Tarleton State University	Stephenville	149/190	78.42%
Texas A&M HSC College of Nursing	Bryan	159/162	*98.15%
Texas A&M International University	Laredo	87/101	86.14%
Texas A&M University Commerce	Commerce	44/47	*93.62%
Texas A&M University	Corpus Christi	229/301	76.08%
Texas A&M University	Texarkana	9/9	*100%
Texas Christian University	Fort Worth	180/193	*93.26%
Texas Lutheran University	Seguin	44/48	*91.67%
Texas State University	Round Rock	87/87	*100%
Texas Tech HSC – Gayle Greve Hunt SON	El Paso	124/144	86.11%
Texas Tech HSC SON	Lubbock	498/552	*90.22%
Texas Woman’s University	Denton	415/441	*94.10%
University of Houston College of Nursing	Sugar Land	93/96	*96.88%
University of the Incarnate Word	San Antonio	92/98	*93.88%
University of Mary Hardin Baylor	Belton	134/160	83.75%
University of St. Thomas Accelerated BSN	Houston	12/13	*92.31%
University of St. Thomas SON	Houston	44/54	81.48%
University of Texas at Arlington	Arlington	664/719	*92.35%
University of Texas at Austin	Austin	126/140	*90.00%
University of Texas at El Paso	El Paso	326/340	*95.88%
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Edinburg	71/76	*93.42%
University of Texas Permian Basin	Odessa	34/38	89.47%
University of Texas at Tyler	Tyler	322/393	81.93%
University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	Houston	347/390	88.97%
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	San Antonio	341/354	*96.33%

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University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston	Galveston	375/381	*98.43%
Wayland Baptist University	San Antonio	33/40	82.50%
West Coast University Texas	Dallas	236/274	86.13%
West Texas A&M University	Canyon	94/100	*94.00%
Western Governors University	Austin	157/178	88.20%
<b>BSN Programs Total</b>		<b>7,433/8,320</b>	<b>89.34%</b>
<b>MSN Programs</b>			
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University of Texas at Austin Alternate Entry MSN	Austin	51/54	*94.44%
<b>MSN Total</b>		<b>51/54</b>	<b>94.44%</b>
<b>Grand Total for Texas</b>	(reported by NCSBN) (to calculate cleaned data for final report)	13,285/15,310	86.77%
<b>National Average</b>	(reported by NCSBN)	<b>167,214/203,608</b>	<b>82.13%</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	1,524	74.80%

HB 2950 passed during the 85<sup>th</sup> 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. The Nursing Practice Act, Section 301.157(d-1) allows a school of nursing or educational program to be considered approved by the board and, except as provided by Subsection (d-7), is exempt from board rules that require ongoing approval if the school or program: (1) is accredited and maintains accreditation through a national nursing accrediting agency selected by the board under Subsection (b)(5); and (2) maintains acceptable pass rate as determined by the board on the applicable licensing examination under this chapter. Excelsior College was denied continued accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing in March 2020. Following an appeal hearing of the decision, Excelsior College has voluntarily withdrawn accreditation of the program effective May 11, 2021, and Excelsior students who graduate after that date will be required to fulfill additional requirements to become eligible for a Texas license [Rule 217.2(C-E)].