

Report of 2023 NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rates For Professional Nursing Education Programs

Summary:

The period for this pass rate report extends from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 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 2023 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 recognized with commendations 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 next be provided in 2024.

Trends:

- The overall 2023 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for Texas programs was calculated to be 91.15% (13,788/15,127 candidates), which is above the national average of 88.56%.
- 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.
- Eighty-three professional nursing education programs in Texas experienced a ninety percent (90%) or higher 2023 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate with 17 programs scoring 100%.
- Two professional programs may 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	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Average for Texas Programs	91.15% 13,788/15,127	84.28% 12,499/14,831	86.70% 13,293/15,333	91.00% 12,039/13,231	91.90% 11,905/12,954
National Average	88.56% 165,059/186,375	79.91% 150,214/187,986	82.13% 167,214/203,608	86.76% 151,617/174,750	88.07% 150,508/170,899

The final NCLEX-RN® report for 2023 follows. This report is for information only. No action is required.

**FIRST TIME RN CANDIDATES EDUCATED IN TEXAS
REGARDLESS OF STATE OF INITIAL LICENSURE
NCLEX-RN® for 2023 (January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023)**

(* = 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 US27308700	Lubbock	125/135	*92.59%
Diploma Totals		125/135	92.59%
ADN Programs	Location	First-Time Candidates Passed/Attempted	Exam Pass Rate for First-Time Candidates
Alvin Community College US27406000	Alvin	68/69	*98.55%
Amarillo College US27400000	Amarillo	161/180	89.44%
Angelina College US27400200	Lufkin	49/50	*98.00%
Austin Community College US27403200	Austin	292/316	*92.41%
Baptist Health System School of Health- US27407800	San Antonio	179/199	89.95%
Blinn College US27401500	Bryan	106/111	*95.50%
Brazosport College US27408200	Lake Jackson	19/19	*100%
Central Texas College US27400300	Killeen	54/65	83.08%
Cisco College US27407900	Abilene	48/49	*97.96%
Clarendon College US27409900	Pampa	35/38	*92.11%
Coastal Bend College US27408900	Beeville	65/84	77.38%
College of Nursing and Advanced Health Professions US27409300	Richardson	14/16	87.50%
College of the Mainland US27404000	Texas City	68/73	*93.15%
Collin College US27401600	McKinney	179/189	*94.71%
Dallas College at Brookhaven US27411200	Farmers Branch	53/56	*94.64%
Dallas College at El Centro US27406400	Dallas	148/183	80.87%
Dallas College at Mountain View US27407100	Dallas	37/45	82.22%

ADN Programs	Location	First-Time Candidates Passed/Attempted	Exam Pass Rate for First-Time Candidates
Del Mar College US27406200	Corpus Christi	165/182	*90.66%
ECPI University US27411100	San Antonio	8/8	*100%
El Paso Community College US27404400	El Paso	124/131	*94.66%
Galen College of Nursing US27407200	San Antonio	592/658	89.97%
Galveston College US27400400	Galveston	31/41	75.61%
Grayson College US27406100	Denison	92/107	85.98%
Hill College US27408000	Hillsboro	26/27	*96.30%
Houston Community College US27403600	Houston	117/157	74.52%
Howard College US27403900	Big Spring	23/23	*100.00%
Howard College – San Angelo US27410500	San Angelo	56/59	*94.92%
Kilgore College US27404700	Kilgore	36/36	*100%
Lamar State College – Orange US27401300	Orange	50/55	90.91%
Lamar State College – Port Arthur - US27410200	Port Arthur	16/16	*100%
Laredo College US27406300	Laredo	53/53	*100%
Lee College US27403500	Baytown	13/13	*100%
Lone Star College – Cyfair US27405100	Cypress	36/37	*97.30%
Lone Star College – Kingwood US27407600	Kingwood	93/97	*95.88%
Lone Star College – Montgomery - US27405200	Conroe	45/46	*97.83%
Lone Star College – North Harris - US27403700	Houston	77/82	*93.90%
Lone Star College – Tomball US27402300	Tomball	52/53	*98.11%
McLennan Community College US27400700	Waco	53/57	*92.98%
Midland College US27403400	Midland	48/52	*92.31%
Navarro College US27402500	Corsicana	76/82	*92.68%
North Central Texas College US27404600	Gainesville	73/78	*93.59%
Northeast Texas Community College - US27401400	Mt. Pleasant	55/57	*96.49%

ADN Programs	Location	First-Time Candidates Passed/Attempted	Exam Pass Rate for First-Time Candidates
Odessa College US27406700	Odessa	63/67	*94.03%
Panola College US27401900	Carthage	46/50	*92.00%
Paris Junior College US27400100	Paris	46/59	77.97%
Ranger College US27406500	Early	36/36	*100%
Rio Grande Valley College US27410800	Pharr	48/54	88.89%
San Antonio College US27400800	San Antonio	198/223	88.79%
San Jacinto College-Central US27406600	Pasadena	191/199	*95.98%
San Jacinto College-South US27402000	Houston	48/49	*97.96%
South Plains College US27401100	Levelland	83/105	79.05%
South Texas College US27402700	McAllen	168/184	*91.30%
Southwest Texas Junior College - US27407000	Del Rio	38/39	*97.44%
Southwest University US27410600	El Paso	36/40	*90.00%
St. Philip's College US27410400	San Antonio	16/18	88.89%
Tarrant County College US27400900	Fort Worth	255/303	84.16%
Temple College US27408500	Temple	86/90	*95.56%
Texarkana College US27406800	Texarkana	90/95	*94.74%
Texas Southmost College US27410900	Brownsville	No candidates	N/A
Texas State Technical College- Harlingen - US27410700	Harlingen	39/55	70.91%
Texas State Technical College- West Texas - US27405800	Sweetwater	33/39	84.62%
The College of Health Care Professions - US27410000	Houston	25/30	83.33%
Trinity Valley Community College - US27403100	Kaufman	125/135	*92.59%
Tyler Junior College US27403300	Tyler	134/136	*98.53%
Vernon College US27401700	Vernon	73/76	*96.05%
Victoria College US27404100	Victoria	84/84	*100%
Weatherford College US27407500	Weatherford	136/153	88.89%

ADN Programs	Location	First-Time Candidates Passed/Attempted	Exam Pass Rate for First-Time Candidates
Wharton County Junior College US27404900	Wharton	41/41	100%
ADN Programs Total		5723/6309	90.71%
BSN Programs	Location	First-Time Candidates Passed/Attempted	Exam Pass Rate for First-Time Candidates
Abilene Christian University US27502100	Abilene	55/55	*100%
Angelo State University US27501400	San Angelo	67/75	89.33%
Arizona College of Nursing US27511100	Dallas	37/39	*94.87%
Baylor University US27505300	Dallas	346/367	*94.28%
Chamberlain College of Nursing US27500700	Houston	149/182	81.87%
Chamberlain College of Nursing US27510700	Irving	114/141	80.85%
Chamberlain College of Nursing US27510600	Pearland	136/174	78.16%
Chamberlain College of Nursing US27511400	San Antonio	56/64	87.50%
Concordia University US27505700	Austin	230/288	79.86%
East Texas Baptist University US27500900	Marshall	32/43	74.42%
Galen College of Nursing US27510800	San Antonio	109/118	*92.37%
Hallmark University US27510900	San Antonio	46/47	*97.87%
Houston Christian University US27504900	Houston	47/48	*97.92%
Howard Payne University US27511000	Brownwood	4/4	*100%
Lamar University US27503800	Beaumont	93/95	*97.89%
LeTourneau University US27510200	Longview	14/14	*100%
Midwestern State University US27500200	Wichita Falls	71/86	82.56%
Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing - US27503700	Abilene	24/25	*96.00%
Prairie View A&M University US27508400	Houston	98/116	84.48%
Sam Houston State University US27505500	Huntsville	147/157	*93.63%
Schreiner University US27511200	Kerrville	15/15	*100%

BSN Programs	Location	First-Time Candidates Passed/Attempted	Exam Pass Rate for First-Time Candidates
South University US27510100	Austin	23/39	58.97%
Southwestern Adventist University - US27502000	Keene	56/64	87.50%
Stephen F. Austin State University - US27503000	Nacogdoches	109/112	*97.32%
Sul Ross University US27511700	Alpine	2/5	40.00%
Tarleton State University US27500800	Stephenville	154/206	74.76%
Texas A&M HSC College of Nursing - US27501000	Bryan	225/229	*98.25%
Texas A&M International University - US27501900	Laredo	90/97	*92.78%
Texas A&M University Commerce - US27501700	Commerce	33/33	*100%
Texas A&M University US27500400	Corpus Christi	190/211	*90.05%
Texas A&M University US27510500	Texarkana	10/11	*90.91%
Texas Christian University US27509700	Fort Worth	163/167	*97.60%
Texas Lutheran University US27509900	Seguin	81/93	87.10%
Texas State University US27500600	Round Rock	76/76	*100%
Texas Tech HSC – Gayle Greave Hunt SON US27504400	El Paso	125/146	85.62%
Texas Tech HSC SON US27503600	Lubbock	552/582	*94.85%
Texas Woman's University US27507200	Denton	418/442	*94.57%
University of Houston College of Nursing - US27502500	Sugar Land	75/81	*92.59%
University of the Incarnate Word US27508100	San Antonio	125/129	*96.90%
University of Mary Hardin Baylor - US27504700	Belton	118/125	94.40%
University of St. Thomas Accelerated BSN - US27511600	Houston	182/216	84.26%
University of St. Thomas SON US27501200	Houston	48/51	*94.12%
University of Texas at Arlington US27504300	Arlington	771/826	*93.34%
University of Texas at Austin US27509000	Austin	113/126	89.68%
University of Texas at El Paso US27504200	El Paso	302/313	*96.49%
University of Texas Permian Basin US27502300	Odessa	27/37	72.97%

BSN Programs	Location	First-Time Candidates Passed/Attempted	Exam Pass Rate for First-Time Candidates
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley - US27500500	Edinburg	155/173	89.60%
University of Texas at Tyler US27504800	Tyler	407/428	*95.09%
University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston US27503500	Houston	293/311	*94.21%
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio US27503900	San Antonio	274/290	*94.48%
University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston US27504100	Galveston	288/290	*99.31%
Wayland Baptist University US27510400	San Antonio	7/8	87.50%
West Coast University Texas US27501600	Dallas	225/248	*90.73%
West Texas A&M University US27504600	Canyon	89/95	*93.68%
Western Governors University US27505600	Austin	136/153	88.89%
Western Technical College - US27511300	El Paso	41/47	87.23%
BSN Programs Total		7873/8613	91.41%
MSN Programs			
MSN Programs	Location	First-Time Candidates Passed/Attempted	Exam Pass Rate for First-Time Candidates
Texas Lutheran Direct Entry US27511800	Seguin	23/23	*100.00%
University of Texas at Austin Alternate Entry MSN	Austin	44/47	*93.62%
MSN Total		67/70	95.71%
Grand Total for Texas		13,788/15,127	91.15%
National Average	(reported by NCSBN)	165,059/186,375	88.56%

ADN Program	Location	First-Time Candidates Passed/Attempted	Exam Pass Rate for First-Time Candidates
Excelsior College	Albany, New York	520/686	75.80%

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. 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)].