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Report of 2025 NCLEX-RN® Examination Pass Rates
For Professional Nursing Education Programs

Summary:
The period for this pass rate report extends from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. The attached report provides final 2025 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. 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 provide this year, 2026.

Trends:

- The overall 2025 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for Texas programs calculated was 88.63% (14,580/16,451), above the national average of 86.71% for 2025 as seen in Table 1 below.

- There were 75 (54.35%) professional nursing education programs in Texas which had a 90% or higher 2025 NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate, including 12 programs scoring 100%.

- There are 18 (13.04%) professional programs that will be required to submit a Self-Study Report (SSR) for a pass rate below 80%.

- Texas is one of four states with more than 10,000 first-time candidates for the NCLEX-RN® examination. The other states are California, Florida, and New York.

Table 1. Comparison of National and Texas NCLEX-RN® Pass Rate Averages

Year	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Average for Texas Programs	88.63% 14,580/16,451	92.69% 14,214/15,335	91.15% 13,788/15,127	84.28% 12,499/14,831	86.70% 13,293/15,333
National Average	86.71% 167,272/192,908	91.16% 170,256/186,758	88.56% 165,059/186,375	79.91% 150,214/187,986	82.13% 167,214/203,608

The final NCLEX-RN® report for 2025 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 2025 (January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025)

(* = Programs with pass rates over 90%)

Diploma Program	Location	Candidates	Passed	Pass Rate
Covenant School of Nursing US27308700	Lubbock	174	154	88.51%
Diploma Totals		**174**	**154**	**88.51%**
ADN Program	**Location**	**Candidates**	**Passed**	**Pass Rate**
Alvin Community College US27406000	Alvin	85	81	*95.29%
Amarillo College US27400000	Amarillo	236	186	78.81%
Angelina College US27400200	Lufkin	58	56	*96.55%
Austin Community College US27403200	Austin	331	315	*95.17%
Baptist Health System School of Health- US27407800	San Antonio	224	172	76.79%
Blinn College US27401500	Bryan	114	112	*98.25%
Brazosport College US27408200	Lake Jackson	43	36	83.72%
Central Texas College US27400300	Killeen	31	30	*96.77%
Cisco College US27407900	Abilene	34	33	*97.06%
Clarendon College US27409900	Pampa	33	29	87.88%
College of Nursing and Advanced Health Professions US27409300	Richardson (closed)	2	2	*100%
College of the Mainland US27404000	Texas City	82	69	84.15%
Collin College US27401600	McKinney	243	230	*94.65%
Dallas College US27411200	Farmers Branch	200	181	*90.50%
Del Mar College US27406200	Corpus Christi	137	133	*97.08%
ECPI University US27411100	San Antonio	9	8	88.89%
El Paso Community College US27404400	El Paso	157	135	85.99%
Galen College of Nursing US27407200	San Antonio	1034	847	81.91%
Galveston College US27400400	Galveston	34	31	*91.18%
Grayson College US27406100	Denison	107	95	88.79%

ADN Program	Location	Candidates	Passed	Pass Rate
Hill College US27408000	Hillsboro	47	35	74.47%
Houston Community College US27403600	Houston (closed)	3	0	0.00%
Houston City College US27412000	Houston (New)	No Candidates		
Howard College US27403900	Big Spring	25	25	*100%
Howard College – San Angelo US27410500	San Angelo	39	36	*92.31%
Kilgore College US27404700	Kilgore	40	40	*100%
Lamar Institute of Technology US27411600	Beaumont	No Candidates		
Lamar State College – Orange US27401300	Orange	36	31	86.11%
Lamar State College – Port Arthur - US27410200	Port Arthur	71	68	*95.77%
Laredo College US27406300	Laredo	54	50	*92.59%
Lee College US27403500	Baytown	41	39	*95.12%
Lone Star College – Cyfair US27405100	Cypress	56	53	*94.64%
Lone Star College – Kingwood US27407600	Kingwood	101	90	89.11%
Lone Star College – Montgomery - US27405200	Conroe	52	48	*92.31%
Lone Star College – North Harris - US27403700	Houston	106	90	84.91%
Lone Star College – Tomball US27402300	Tomball	42	39	*92.86%
McLennan Community College US27400700	Waco	86	82	*95.35%
Midland College US27403400	Midland	63	60	*95.24%
Navarro College US27402500	Corsicana	72	65	*90.28%
North Central Texas College US27404600	Gainesville	92	84	*91.30%
Northeast Lakeview College US27411800	Universal City (New)	No Candidates		
Northeast Texas Community College - US27401400	Mt. Pleasant	78	73	*93.59%
Odessa College US27406700	Odessa	93	88	*94.62%
Palo Alto College US27411500	San Antonio	No Candidates		
Panola College US27401900	Carthage	54	51	*94.44%
Paris Junior College US27400100	Paris	59	54	*91.53%

ADN Program	Location	Candidates	Passed	Pass Rate
Ranger College US27406500	Early	24	22	*91.67%
Rio Grande Valley College US27410800	Pharr	90	85	*94.44%
San Antonio College US27400800	San Antonio	231	189	81.82%
San Jacinto College-Central US27406600	Pasadena	187	174	*93.05%
San Jacinto College-South US27402000	Houston	70	67	*95.71%
South College Dallas US27411900	Farmers Branch (New)	No Candidates		
South Plains College US27401100	Levelland	67	62	*92.54%
South Texas College US27402700	McAllen	175	174	*99.43%
Southern Careers Institute US27411700	Brownsville (New)	No Candidates		
Southwest Texas Junior College - US27407000	Del Rio	49	42	85.71%
Southwest University US27410600	El Paso	64	51	79.69%
St. Philip's College US27410400	San Antonio	23	22	*95.65%
Tarrant County College US27400900	Fort Worth	427	353	82.67%
Temple College US27408500	Temple	86	79	*91.86%
Texarkana College US27406800	Texarkana	84	73	86.90%
Texas Health School US27411300	Houston	11	10	*90.91%
Texas School of Health Sciences US27411400	Weslaco	26	15	57.69%
Texas Southmost College US27410900	Brownsville	28	24	85.71%
Texas State Technical College-Harlingen - US27410700	Harlingen	58	45	77.59%
Texas State Technical College-West Texas - US27405800	Sweetwater	41	26	63.41%
The College of Health Care Professions - US27410000	Houston	14	9	64.29%
Trinity Valley Community College - US27403100	Kaufman	137	120	87.59%
Tyler Junior College US27403300	Tyler	200	182	*91.00%
Vernon College US27401700	Vernon	81	74	*91.36%
Victoria College US27404100	Victoria	93	91	*97.85%
Weatherford College US27407500	Weatherford	208	176	84.62%

ADN Program	Location	Candidates	Passed	Pass Rate
Wharton County Junior College US27404900	Wharton	57	54	*94.74%
ADN Programs Total		**7035**	**6201**	**88.14%**
BSN Program	**Location**	**Candidates**	**Passed**	**Pass Rate**
Abilene Christian University US27502100	Abilene	36	35	*97.22%
Angelo State University US27501400	San Angelo	52	50	*96.15%
Arizona College of Nursing US27511100	Dallas	94	65	69.15%
Aspen University US27511500	Austin (closed)	2	1	50.00%
Baylor University US27505300	Dallas	362	348	*96.13%
Chamberlain College of Nursing US27500700	Houston	183	155	84.70%
Chamberlain College of Nursing US27510700	Irving	102	84	82.35%
Chamberlain College of Nursing US27510600	Pearland	168	136	80.95%
Chamberlain College of Nursing US27511400	San Antonio	28	23	82.14%
Concordia University US27505700	Austin	138	135	*97.83%
Denver College of Nursing US27511900	Houston	48	32	66.67%
East Texas A&M University US27501700	Commerce	48	38	79.17%
East Texas Baptist University US27500900	Marshall	43	43	*100%
Fairfield University US27512000	Austin	31	29	*93.55%
Galen College of Nursing US27510800	San Antonio	528	450	85.23%
Hallmark University US27510900	San Antonio	59	47	79.66%
Hardin-Simmons University US27512300	Abilene	No Candidates		
Houston Christian University US27504900	Houston	46	45	*97.83%
Howard Payne University US27511000	Brownwood	11	11	*100%
Lamar University US27503800	Beaumont	120	110	*91.67%
LeTourneau University US27510200	Longview	13	13	*100%
Midwestern State University US27500200	Wichita Falls	52	52	*100%
Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing - US27503700	Abilene	19	19	*100%

BSN Program	Location	Candidates	Passed	Pass Rate
Prairie View A&M University US27508400	Houston	62	57	*91.94%
Sam Houston State University US27505500	Huntsville	177	169	*95.48%
Schreiner University US27511200	Kerrville	17	15	88.24%
South University US27510100	Austin	26	23	88.46%
Southwestern Adventist University US27502000	Keene	37	35	*94.59%
St. Edward's University US27512200	Austin	2	2	*100%
St. Mary's University US27512100	San Antonio	No Candidates		
Stephen F. Austin State University US27503000	Nacogdoches	131	126	*96.18%
Sul Ross University US27511700	Alpine	7	4	57.14%
Tarleton State University US27500800	Stephenville	193	151	78.24%
Texas A&M HSC College of Nursing - US27501000	Bryan	250	249	*99.60%
Texas A&M International University - US27501900	Laredo	123	121	*98.37%
Texas A&M University US27500400	Corpus Christi	148	123	83.11%
Texas A&M University US27510500	Texarkana	22	21	*95.45%
Texas Christian University US27509700	Fort Worth	204	198	*97.06%
Texas Lutheran University US27509900	Seguin	137	126	*91.97%
Texas State University US27500600	Round Rock	84	84	*100%
Texas Tech HSC – Gayle Greave Hunt SON US27504400	El Paso	148	120	81.08%
Texas Tech HSC SON US27503600	Lubbock	621	533	85.83%
Texas Woman's University US27507200	Denton	438	405	*92.47%
University of Houston College of Nursing - US27502500	Sugar Land	67	67	*100%
University of Mary Hardin Baylor - US27504700	Belton	104	95	*91.35%
University of North Texas Health Science Center College of Nursing US27512400	Fort Worth	No Candidates		
University of St. Thomas Accelerated BSN - US27511600	Houston	231	164	71.00%
University of St. Thomas SON US27501200	Houston	52	40	76.92%

BSN Programs	Location	Candidates	Passed	Pass Rate
University of Texas at Arlington US27504300	Arlington	936	840	89.74%
University of Texas at Austin US27509000	Austin	121	110	*90.91%
University of Texas at El Paso US27504200	El Paso	330	293	88.79%
University of Texas Permian Basin US27502300	Odessa	79	70	88.61%
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley - US27500500	Edinburg	230	200	86.96%
University of the Incarnate Word US27508100	San Antonio	149	142	*95.30%
University of Texas at Tyler US27504800	Tyler	493	430	87.22%
University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston US27503500	Houston	219	209	*95.43%
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio US27503900	San Antonio	354	310	87.57%
University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston US27504100	Galveston	275	263	*95.64%
Wayland Baptist University US27510400	San Antonio	17	10	58.82%
West Coast University Texas US27501600	Dallas	231	213	*92.21%
West Texas A&M University US27504600	Canyon	98	87	88.78%
Western Governors University US27505600	Houston	145	109	75.17%
Western Technical College - US27511300	El Paso	36	30	83.33%
BSN Programs Total		**9177**	**8165**	**88.97%**
MSN Programs	**Location**	**Candidates**	**Passed**	**Pass Rate**
Texas Lutheran Direct Entry US27511800	Seguin	12	12	*100%
University of Texas at Austin Alternate Entry MSN US27500100	Austin	53	48	*90.57%
MSN Total		**65**	**60**	**92.31%**
Grand Total for Texas (RN)		**16,451**	**14,580**	**88.63%**
National Average (RN)	(reported by NCSBN)	**192,908**	**167,272**	**86.71%**

ADN Program	Location	First-Time Candidates Passed/Attempted	Exam Pass Rate for First-Time Candidates
Excelsior College	Albany, New York	701/1,051	77.60%

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)].