



The Pathway to Practice

Statistics from NCSBN

Number of Candidates Taking the NCLEX® Examination and Percent Passing, by Type of Candidate

2023

| RN ¹ | Jan. – March | | April – June | | July – Sept. | | Oct. – Dec. | | YTD Total | |
|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Type of Candidate | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage |
| First-time, U.S.-educated | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diploma | 631 | 78.45% | 651 | 94.93% | 666 | 93.24% | 236 | 88.98% | 2,184 | 89.01% |
| Baccalaureate Degree | 29,444 | 83.26% | 31,608 | 95.34% | 28,968 | 91.50% | 9,310 | 90.34% | 99,330 | 90.17% |
| Associate Degree | 26,193 | 79.14% | 28,252 | 93.94% | 21,381 | 90.08% | 7,561 | 87.87% | 83,387 | 87.75% |
| Invalid or Special Program Codes | 704 | 15.63% | 333 | 27.93% | 209 | 32.54% | 203 | 37.93% | 1,449 | 24.02% |
| Total First-time, U.S.-educated | 56,972 | 80.48% | 60,844 | 94.32% | 51,224 | 90.69% | 17,310 | 88.63% | 186,350 | 88.56% |
| Repeat, U.S.-educated | 24,041 | 40.66% | 12,773 | 62.15% | 12,074 | 56.61% | 9,786 | 55.81% | 58,674 | 51.15% |
| First-time, Internationally Educated | 21,978 | 39.86% | 11,612 | 57.69% | 15,608 | 58.37% | 16,768 | 60.40% | 65,966 | 52.60% |
| Repeat, Internationally Educated | 16,806 | 28.85% | 8,134 | 51.33% | 11,248 | 50.03% | 11,820 | 48.06% | 48,008 | 42.35% |
| All Candidates | 119,797 | 57.79% | 93,363 | 81.61% | 90,154 | 75.46% | 55,684 | 65.75% | 358,998 | 69.66% |
| PN ² | Jan. – March | | April – June | | July – Sept. | | Oct. – Dec. | | YTD Total | |
| Type of Candidate | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage | Count | Percentage |
| First-time, U.S.-educated | 13,970 | 79.56% | 8,818 | 90.07% | 15,237 | 90.65% | 9,527 | 87.59% | 47,552 | 86.67% |
| Repeat, U.S.-educated | 6,693 | 37.83% | 3,625 | 49.88% | 3,463 | 43.11% | 3,422 | 44.89% | 17,203 | 42.84% |
| First-time, Internationally Educated | 137 | 47.45% | 77 | 63.64% | 87 | 50.57% | 108 | 58.33% | 409 | 54.03% |
| Repeat, Internationally Educated | 201 | 25.87% | 100 | 33.00% | 96 | 29.17% | 118 | 31.36% | 515 | 29.13% |
| All Candidates | 21,001 | 65.53% | 12,620 | 77.91% | 18,883 | 81.44% | 13,175 | 75.76% | 65,679 | 74.54% |

¹ The RN Passing Standard is 0.00 logits.

² The PN Passing Standard is -0.18 logits.

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