

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

**2015 Passing Rates for Nursing Graduates in
The North Carolina Community College System**

Information: The 2015 Passing Rates for the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) and the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) for the North Carolina Community College System are provided for your information.

Background:

The North Carolina Board of Nursing (NCBON) uses the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX®) prepared by National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) to measure competence for entry-level practice for graduates of Board-approved nursing education programs. There are two licensure exams, the NCLEX-RN for registered nurses and the NCLEX-PN for practical nurses. After graduation from the nursing program, the student applies to take the NCLEX exam to obtain his or her nursing license from the North Carolina Board of Nursing, which provides an individual with the licensure required to practice nursing.

North Carolina Board of Nursing (NCBON) policy requires the following:

When a program's NCLEX pass rate is below the three year average standard for the *first year*, a written improvement plan for the program is required for the next calendar year.

When a program's NCLEX pass rate is below the three year average standard for *three consecutive years*, the program's status is changed to a Public Warning and the program's improvement plan will be posted with the Public Warning.

Currently, all of the thirty-eight NC Community College Practical Nursing (D45660) programs are in *Full Approval* status with the NCBON. All of the fifty-five Associate Degree Nursing (A45110) programs are in *Full Approval* status with the exception of the Associate Degree Nursing program located at Nash Community College, which is in *Public Warning* status.

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North Carolina Administrative Code 21 NCAC 36.0320 (e) states: *The nursing program shall maintain a three year average at or above 95% of the national pass rate for licensure level pass rate on first writing of the licensure examination for calendar years ending December 31.*

- The National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) 2013-2015 national pass rate average is 83%.
- The Benchmark = 95% of the National Pass Rate Average; therefore, this year's benchmark is 79%.
- Two of the community college PN program pass rates were below the 79% national three year average standard. However, none of these programs were below the national three year average standard for three consecutive years and all are in *Full Approval* status.
- The National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) 2013-2015 national pass rate average is 83%.
- The Benchmark = 95% of the National Pass Rate Average; therefore, this year's benchmark is 79%.
- The ADN program pass rates for five community colleges and one consortium were below the 79% national three year average standard. Nash Community College was below the national three year average standard for three consecutive years and is therefore on *Public Warning* status.

FIVE YEAR NCLEX PASS RATES-PRACTICAL NURSES

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
National Pass Rate	85	84%	85%	82%	82%
State Pass Rate	93	95%	93%	93%	91%
NC CC Pass Rate	94.4	95%	94%	93%	92%

FIVE YEAR NCLEX PASS RATES-REGISTERED NURSES

	Candidate	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
National Pass Rate	All RN	88%	90%	83%	82%	85%
State Pass Rate	All RN	91%	94%	87%	88%	90%
NC CC Pass Rate	Associate Degree Nurses	89.8%	94%	85%	86%	92%

2015 NCLEX Nursing-First-Time Test Takers
Provided by the NC Board of Nursing

NC COMMUNITY COLLEGE	PRACTICAL NURSING 2015		REGISTERED NURSING 2015	
	Number Tested	Number Passed	Number Tested	Number Passed
Alamance CC			28	24
Asheville-Buncombe TCC	17	16	83	80
Beaufort County CC	20	18	53	44
Bladen CC	19	15	12	11
Blue Ridge CC			36	32
Brunswick CC	18	18	21	21
Caldwell CC & TI			35	33
Cape Fear CC	26	26	68	68
Carteret CC	9	8	20	18
Catawba Valley CC			48	44
Central Carolina CC	31	28	33	30
Central Piedmont CC			75	73
Cleveland CC*	14	13		
Coastal Carolina CC	19	17	31	28
College of The Albemarle	23	22	32	32
Craven CC	10	10	50	47
Davidson County CC	17	15	46	41
Durham TCC	17	17	35	30
Edgecombe CC	8	8	29	24
Fayetteville TCC	39	37	58	55
Forsyth TCC	65	62	129	124
Gaston College	56	55	72	67
Guilford TCC	22	18	77	67
Halifax CC	10	6	22	15
Haywood CC**				
Isothermal CC*	25	20		
James Sprunt CC	8	8	16	10
Johnston CC			32	32
Lenoir CC	9	9	27	26
Mayland CC			29	27
McDowell TCC*	30	29		
Mitchell CC			29	28
Montgomery CC	35	28		

NC COMMUNITY COLLEGE	PRACTICAL NURSING 2015		REGISTERED NURSING 2015	
	Number Tested	Number Passed	Number Tested	Number Passed
Nash CC	17	12	24	16
Piedmont CC			27	25
Pitt CC			93	84
Randolph CC			26	24
Richmond CC	10	9	36	31
Roanoke-Chowan CC			13	12
Robeson CC	11	11	20	20
Rockingham CC	25	22	10	10
Rowan-Cabarrus CC	21	21	49	41
Sampson CC	15	15	26	24
Sandhills CC			62	57
South Piedmont	13	12	20	19
Southeastern CC	21	21	26	26
Southwestern CC			26	23
Stanly CC			34	32
Surry CC	3	3	40	39
Tri-County CC**				
Vance-Granville CC	20	14	39	33
Wake TCC			149	146
Wayne CC	15	14	29	27
Western Piedmont CC			24	23
Wilkes CC			21	19
Wilson CC	12	12	51	43
Foothills Nursing Consortium*			51	44
Region A Nursing Consortium***			50	39
System Totals	730	669	2172	1988

* Foothills Nursing Consortium includes: Cleveland CC, Isothermal CC, and McDowell TCC.

**Region A Nursing Consortium includes: Haywood and Tri-County.

**Three Year NCLEX Pass Rates-Practical Nurses
Provided by the NC Board of Nursing**

		2013	2014	2015	2013-15 LPN national pass rate average = 83%
National Pass Rate		85%	82%	82%	Benchmark= 95% of the National Pass Rate average; therefore this year's benchmark is 79%
State Pass Rate		93%	93%	91%	College 3 Year Average
NC CC Pass Rate		94%	93%	92%	
1. Asheville-Buncombe	LPN	87	84	94	88%
2. Beaufort County CC	LPN	83	89	90	87%
3. Bladen CC	LPN	96	93	79	89%
4. Brunswick CC	LPN	100	100	100	100%
5. Cape Fear CC	LPN	100	100	100	100%
6. Carteret CC	LPN	100	100	89	96%
7. Central Carolina CC	LPN	89	89	90	89%
8. Cleveland CC	LPN	100	100	93	98%
9. Coastal Carolina CC	LPN	100	94	89	94%
10. College of The Albemarle	LPN	100	100	96	99%
11. Craven CC	LPN	95	89	100	95%
12. Davidson County CC	LPN	93	94	88	92%
13. Durham Tech CC	LPN	96	94	100	97%
14. Edgecombe CC	LPN	100	100	100	100%
15. Fayetteville Tech CC	LPN	91	86	95	91%
16. Forsyth Tech CC	LPN	98	97	95	97%
17. Gaston College	LPN	96	100	98	98%
18. Guilford Tech	LPN	95	76	82	84%
19. Halifax CC	LPN	100	92	60	84%
20. Isothermal CC	LPN	92	81	80	84%
21. James Sprunt CC	LPN	89	100	100	96%
22. Lenoir CC	LPN	100	100	100	100%
23. Mayland CC	LPN	100	N/A	N/A	N/A
24. McDowell Tech CC	LPN	93	97	97	96%
25. Montgomery CC	LPN	97	95	80	91%
26. Nash CC	LPN	72	89	71	77%
27. NEWH Nursing Consortium	LPN	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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National Pass Rate		85%	82%	82%	Benchmark= 95% of the National Pass Rate average; therefore this year's benchmark is 79%
State Pass Rate		93%	93%	91%	College 3 Year Average
NC CC Pass Rate		94%	93%	92%	
Nash, Edgecombe, Wilson, & Halifax					
28. Richmond CC	LPN	76	69	90	78%
29. Robeson Community College	LPN	100	88	100	96%
30. Rockingham CC	LPN	75	88	88	84%
31. Rowan-Cabarrus CC	LPN	100	100	100	100%
32. Sampson CC	LPN	100	100	100	100%
33. Sandhills CC	LPN	100	100	N/A	N/A
34. South Piedmont CC	LPN	100	100	92	97%
35. Southeastern CC	LPN	96	88	100	95%
36. Surry CC	LPN	100	100	100	100%
37. Vance-Granville CC	LPN	90	100	70	87%
38. Wayne CC	LPN	100	100	93	98%
39. Wilson CC	LPN	100	100	100	100%

**Three Year NCLEX Pass Rates-Registered Nurses
Provided by the NC Board of Nursing**

		2013	2014	2015	2013-15 RN national pass rate average = 83%
National Pass Rate	ALL RN	83%	82%	85%	Benchmark= 95% of the National Pass Rate avg; therefore this year's benchmark is 79%
State Pass Rate	ALL RN	87%	88%	90%	College 3 Year Average
NCCCS Pass Rate	ADN	85%	86	92%	
National Pass Rate	ADN	81%	77%	82%	
State Pass Rate	ADN	85%	86%	90%	
1. Alamance CC	ADN	86	81	86	84%
2. Asheville-Buncombe CC	ADN	73	80	96	83%
3. Beaufort County CC	ADN	90	91	83	88%
4. Bladen CC	ADN	67	91	92	83%
5. Blue Ridge CC	ADN	83	90	89	87%
6. Brunswick	ADN	88	89	100	92%
7. Caldwell CC	ADN	100	100	94	98%
8. Cape Fear CC	ADN	93	100	100	98%
9. Carteret CC	ADN	94	100	90	95%
10. Catawba Valley CC	ADN	69	79	92	80%
11. Central Carolina CC	ADN	94	100	91	95%
12. Central Piedmont CC	ADN	92	87	97	92%
13. Coastal Carolina CC	ADN	88	91	90	90%
14. College of The Albemarle	ADN	93	100	100	98%
15. Craven CC	ADN	92	82	94	89%
16. Davidson County CC	ADN	76	85	89	83%
17. Durham Tech CC	ADN	79	88	86	84%
18. Edgecombe Community College	ADN	84	96	83	88%
19. Fayetteville Tech CC	ADN	77	74	95	82%
20. Foothills Nursing Consortium <i>Cleveland, Isothermal, McDowell</i>	ADN	91	85	85	87%
21. Forsyth Tech CC	ADN	96	94	96	95%
22. Gaston College CC	ADN	94	95	93	94%
23. Guilford Tech CC	ADN	74	79	87	80%
24. Halifax Community College	ADN	87	68	68	74%
25. James Sprunt CC	ADN	89	89	63	80%
26. Johnston CC	ADN	96	94	100	97%
27. Lenoir CC	ADN	86	100	96	94%

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		2013	2014	2015	2013-15 RN national pass rate average = 83%
National Pass Rate	ALL RN	83%	82%	85%	Benchmark= 95% of the National Pass Rate avg; therefore this year's benchmark is 79%
State Pass Rate	ALL RN	87%	88%	90%	College 3 Year Average
NCCCS Pass Rate	ADN	85%	86	92%	
National Pass Rate	ADN	81%	77%	82%	
State Pass Rate	ADN	85%	86%	90%	
28. Mayland CC	ADN	81	85	93	86%
29. Mitchell CC	ADN	96	100	97	98%
NEWH Nursing Consortium <i>Nash, Edgecombe, Wilson, Halifax</i>	ADN	100	N/A	N/A	N/A
30. Nash Community College	ADN	76	84	67	76%
31. Piedmont CC	ADN	75	64	93	77%
32. Pitt CC	ADN	89	89	90	89%
33. Randolph CC	ADN	100	97	92	96%
34. Region A Nursing Consortium <i>Haywood Tri-County</i>	ADN	79	61	78	73%
35. Richmond CC	ADN	66	96	86	83%
36. Roanoke-Chowan CC	ADN	67	57	92	72%
37. Robeson CC	ADN	94	83	100	92%
38. Rockingham CC	ADN	41	75	100	72%
39. Rowan-Cabarrus CC	ADN	80	83	84	82%
40. Sampson CC	ADN	100	90	92	94%
41. Sandhills CC	ADN	89	98	92	93%
42. Southeastern CC	ADN	77	73	100	83%
43. Southwestern CC	ADN	83	75	88	82%
44. South Piedmont	ADN	81	83	95	86%
45. Stanly CC	ADN	93	100	94	96%
46. Surry CC	ADN	84	85	98	89%
47. Vance-Granville CC	ADN	86	88	85	86%
48. Wake Tech CC	ADN	89	95	98	94%
49. Wayne CC	ADN	81	86	93	87%
50. Western Piedmont CC	ADN	88	76	96	87%
51. Wilkes CC	ADN	100	92	90	94%
52. Wilson Community College	ADN	84	94	84	87%

First time test takers of the NCLEX-RN Boards

The North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) provides pre-licensure education for the majority of graduates that sit for the NCLEX-RN examination in North Carolina. For example: In 2015, 4,075 nursing graduates in N.C. took the NCLEX-RN for the first time. Of this total, 2,172 (or fifty-three percent) graduated from the NCCCS.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
NCCCS Associate Degree Nursing Graduates	2022 52%	2004 52%	2091 52%	2140 53%	2172 53%
*"Other" Associate Degree Nursing Graduates	343 9%	339 9%	330 8%	292 7%	315 8%
BSN Graduates	1349 35%	1348 35%	1432 36%	1434 36%	1482 36%
**Diploma (Hospital Programs) Graduates	135 4%	145 4%	136 3%	135 3%	106 3%
Total number of Nursing Graduates to sit for the NCLEX-RN	3849	3836	3989	4001	4075

**Other Associate Degree Nursing graduates were from one of the following: Cabarrus College of Health Sciences, Carolina College of Health Science, ECPI University-Charlotte, Gardner-Webb University, ITT Technical Institute, Queens University of Charlotte and South College*

***Diploma Programs include Mercy School of Nursing and Watts School of Nursing.*