

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

**2016 Passing Rates for Nursing Graduates in  
The North Carolina Community College System**

**Information:** The 2016 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-six NC Community College Practical Nursing (D45660) programs and the fifty-five Associate Degree Nursing (A45110) are in *Full Approval* status with the NCBON

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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) 2014-2016 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) 2014-2016 national pass rate average is 84%.
- The Benchmark = 95% of the National Pass Rate Average; therefore, this year's benchmark is 80%.
- The ADN program pass rates for four community colleges and one consortium were below the 80% 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.

**FIVE YEAR NCLEX PASS RATES-PRACTICAL NURSES**

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>National Pass Rate</b>	84%	85%	82%	82%	84%
<b>State Pass Rate</b>	95%	93%	93%	91%	92%
<b>NC CC Pass Rate</b>	95%	94%	93%	92%	92%

**FIVE YEAR NCLEX PASS RATES-REGISTERED NURSES**

	Candidate	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>National Pass Rate</b>	All RN	90%	83%	82%	85%	85%
<b>State Pass Rate</b>	All RN	94%	87%	88%	90%	91%
<b>NC CC Pass Rate</b>	Associate Degree Nurses	94%	85%	86%	92%	92%

**2016 NCLEX Nursing-First-Time Test Takers**  
*Provided by the NC Board of Nursing*

NC COMMUNITY COLLEGE	PRACTICAL NURSING 2016		REGISTERED NURSING 2016	
	Number Tested	Number Passed	Number Tested	Number Passed
Alamance CC			16	14
Asheville-Buncombe TCC	5	4	73	68
Beaufort County CC	15	12	45	36
Bladen CC	20	19	20	18
Blue Ridge CC			35	31
Brunswick CC	15	15	21	21
Caldwell CC & TI			57	49
Cape Fear CC	22	22	58	58
Carteret CC	7	4	13	12
Catawba Valley CC			47	45
Central Carolina CC	19	13	36	28
Central Piedmont CC			55	53
Cleveland CC*	11	11		
Coastal Carolina CC	18	17	28	25
College of The Albemarle	19	17	31	30
Craven CC	13	12	41	38
Davidson County CC	16	16	52	50
Durham TCC	8	8	65	49
Edgecombe CC	13	13	35	29
Fayetteville TCC	52	44	35	32
Forsyth TCC	48	46	141	134
Gaston College	59	59	67	67
Guilford TCC	19	19	77	72
Halifax CC	7	5	14	12
Haywood CC**				
Isothermal CC*	30	19		
James Sprunt CC	12	12	15	14
Johnston CC			37	37
Lenoir CC	10	10	21	21
Mayland CC	1	0	28	23
McDowell TCC*	32	31		
Mitchell CC			33	32
Montgomery CC	23	19		

NC COMMUNITY COLLEGE	PRACTICAL NURSING 2016		REGISTERED NURSING 2016	
	Number Tested	Number Passed	Number Tested	Number Passed
Nash CC	9	7	43	37
Piedmont CC			21	17
Pitt CC			81	73
Randolph CC			29	23
Richmond CC	10	10	31	28
Roanoke-Chowan CC			14	9
Robeson CC	15	15	18	18
Rockingham CC	7	7	10	10
Rowan-Cabarrus CC	10	10	44	42
Sampson CC	16	16	33	31
Sandhills CC			60	60
South Piedmont	10	9	25	24
Southeastern CC	30	29	40	30
Southwestern CC			23	22
Stanly CC			31	28
Surry CC	9	9	26	25
Tri-County CC**				
Vance-Granville CC	22	20	50	45
Wake TCC			112	109
Wayne CC	15	15	33	33
Western Piedmont CC			27	25
Wilkes CC			30	27
Wilson CC	10	10	26	23
Foothills Nursing Consortium*			54	53
Region A Nursing Consortium***			35	29
<b>System Totals</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>2092</b>	<b>1919</b>

\* 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**

		2014	2015	2016	2014-16 LPN national pass rate average = 83%
<b>National Pass Rate</b>		<b>82%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>Benchmark= 95% of the National Pass Rate average; therefore this year's benchmark is 79%</b>
<b>State Pass Rate</b>		<b>93%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>College 3 Year Average</b>
<b>NC CC Pass Rate</b>		<b>93%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>92%</b>	
1. Asheville-Buncombe	LPN	84	94	80	86%
2. Beaufort County CC	LPN	89	90	80	86%
3. Bladen CC	LPN	93	79	95	89%
4. Brunswick CC	LPN	100	100	100	100%
5. Cape Fear CC	LPN	100	100	100	100%
6. Carteret CC	LPN	100	89	57	82%
7. Central Carolina CC	LPN	89	90	70	83%
8. Cleveland CC	LPN	100	93	100	98%
9. Coastal Carolina CC	LPN	94	89	94	92%
10. College of The Albemarle	LPN	100	96	90	95%
11. Craven CC	LPN	89	100	92	94%
12. Davidson County CC	LPN	94	88	100	94%
13. Durham Tech CC	LPN	94	100	100	98%
14. Edgecombe CC	LPN	100	100	100	100%
15. Fayetteville Tech CC	LPN	86	95	85	89%
16. Forsyth Tech CC	LPN	97	95	96	96%
17. Gaston College	LPN	100	98	100	99%
18. Guilford Tech	LPN	76	82	100	86%
19. Halifax CC	LPN	92	60	71	74%
20. Isothermal CC	LPN	81	80	63	75%
21. James Sprunt CC	LPN	100	100	100	100%
22. Lenoir CC	LPN	100	100	100	100%
23. McDowell Tech CC	LPN	97	97	97	97%
24. Montgomery CC	LPN	95	80	83	86%
25. Nash CC	LPN	89	71	88	83%
26. Richmond CC	LPN	69	90	100	86%

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		2014	2015	2016	2014-16 LPN national pass rate average = 83%
<b>National Pass Rate</b>		82%	82%	84%	Benchmark= 95% of the National Pass Rate average; therefore this year's benchmark is 79%
<b>State Pass Rate</b>		93%	91%	92%	College 3 Year Average
<b>NC CC Pass Rate</b>		93%	92%	92%	
27. Robeson CC	LPN	88	100	100	96%
28. Rockingham CC	LPN	88	88	100	92%
29. Rowan-Cabarrus CC	LPN	100	100	100	100%
30. Sampson CC	LPN	100	100	100	100%
31. Sandhills CC	LPN	100	N/A	N/A	N/A
32. South Piedmont CC	LPN	100	92	90	94%
33. Southeastern CC	LPN	88	100	97	95%
34. Surry CC	LPN	100	100	100	100%
35. Vance-Granville CC	LPN	100	70	91	87%
36. Wayne CC	LPN	100	93	100	98%
37. Wilson CC	LPN	100	100	100	100%

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

		2014	2015	2016	2014-16 RN national pass rate average = 84%
<b>National Pass Rate</b>	<b>ALL RN</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>Benchmark= 95% of the National Pass Rate avg; therefore this year's benchmark is 80%</b>
<b>State Pass Rate</b>	<b>ALL RN</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>College 3 Year Average</b>
<b>NCCCS Pass Rate</b>	<b>ADN</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>92%</b>	
<b>National Pass Rate</b>	<b>ADN</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>82%</b>	
<b>State Pass Rate</b>	<b>ADN</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>90%</b>	
1. Alamance CC	ADN	81	86	88	85%
2. Asheville-Buncombe CC	ADN	80	96	93	90%
3. Beaufort County CC	ADN	91	83	80	85%
4. Bladen CC	ADN	91	92	90	91%
5. Blue Ridge CC	ADN	90	89	89	89%
6. Brunswick	ADN	89	100	100	96%
7. Caldwell CC	ADN	100	94	86	93%
8. Cape Fear CC	ADN	100	100	100	100%
9. Carteret CC	ADN	100	90	92	94%
10. Catawba Valley CC	ADN	79	92	96	89%
11. Central Carolina CC	ADN	100	91	78	90%
12. Central Piedmont CC	ADN	87	97	96	93%
13. Coastal Carolina CC	ADN	91	90	89	90%
14. College of The Albemarle	ADN	100	100	97	99%
15. Craven CC	ADN	82	94	93	90%
16. Davidson County CC	ADN	85	89	96	90%
17. Durham Tech CC	ADN	88	86	76	83%
18. Edgecombe CC	ADN	96	83	83	87%
19. Fayetteville Tech CC	ADN	74	95	91	87%
20. Foothills Nursing Consortium <i>Cleveland, Isothermal, McDowell</i>	ADN	85	85	98	90%
21. Forsyth Tech CC	ADN	94	96	95	95%
22. Gaston College CC	ADN	95	93	100	96%
23. Guilford Tech CC	ADN	79	87	94	87%
24. Halifax CC	ADN	68	68	86	74%
25. James Sprunt CC	ADN	89	63	93	82%
26. Johnston CC	ADN	94	100	100	98%
27. Lenoir CC	ADN	100	96	100	99%

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<b>National Pass Rate</b>	<b>ALL RN</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>Benchmark= 95% of the National Pass Rate avg; therefore this year's benchmark is 80%</b>
<b>State Pass Rate</b>	<b>ALL RN</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>College 3 Year Average</b>
<b>NCCCS Pass Rate</b>	<b>ADN</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>92%</b>	
<b>National Pass Rate</b>	<b>ADN</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>82%</b>	
<b>State Pass Rate</b>	<b>ADN</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>90%</b>	
28. Mayland CC	ADN	85	93	82	87%
29. Mitchell CC	ADN	100	97	97	98%
30. Nash CC	ADN	84	67	86	79%
31. Piedmont CC	ADN	64	93	81	79%
32. Pitt CC	ADN	89	90	90	90%
33. Randolph CC	ADN	97	92	79	89%
34. Region A Nursing Consortium <i>Haywood Tri-County</i>	ADN	61	78	83	74%
35. Richmond CC	ADN	96	86	90	91%
36. Roanoke-Chowan CC	ADN	57	92	64	71%
37. Robeson CC	ADN	83	100	100	94%
38. Rockingham CC	ADN	75	100	100	92%
39. Rowan-Cabarrus CC	ADN	83	84	96	88%
40. Sampson CC	ADN	90	92	94	92%
41. Sandhills CC	ADN	98	92	100	97%
42. Southeastern CC	ADN	73	100	75	83%
43. Southwestern CC	ADN	75	88	96	86%
44. South Piedmont	ADN	83	95	96	91%
45. Stanly CC	ADN	100	94	90	95%
46. Surry CC	ADN	85	98	96	93%
47. Vance-Granville CC	ADN	88	85	90	88%
48. Wake Tech CC	ADN	95	98	97	97%
49. Wayne CC	ADN	86	93	100	93%
50. Western Piedmont CC	ADN	76	96	93	88%
51. Wilkes CC	ADN	92	90	90	91%
52. Wilson CC	ADN	94	84	89	89%



### 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 2016, 3,941 nursing graduates in N.C. took the NCLEX-RN for the first time. Of this total, 2,092 (or fifty-three percent) graduated from the NCCCS.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>NCCCS Associate Degree Nursing Graduates</b>	2004 52%	2091 52%	2140 53%	2172 53%	2092 53%
<b>*"Other" Associate Degree Nursing Graduates</b>	339 9%	330 8%	292 7%	315 8%	346 9%
<b>BSN Graduates</b>	1348 35%	1432 36%	1434 36%	1482 36%	1403 36%
<b>**Diploma (Hospital Programs) Graduates</b>	145 4%	136 3%	135 3%	106 3%	100 3%
<b>Total number of Nursing Graduates to sit for the NCLEX-RN</b>	3836	3989	4001	4075	3941

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

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