



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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