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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%			1,948	89.01%
Baccalaureate Degree	29,444	83.26%	31,608	95.34%	28,968	91.50%			90,020	90.16%
Associate Degree	26,193	79.14%	28,252	93.94%	21,381	90.08%			75,826	87.74%
Invalid or Special Program Codes	704	15.63%	333	27.93%	209	32.54%			1,246	21.75%
Total First-time, U.S.-educated	56,972	80.48%	60,844	94.32%	51,224	90.69%			169,040	88.55%
Repeat, U.S.-educated	24,041	40.66%	12,773	62.15%	12,074	56.61%			48,888	50.21%
First-time, Internationally Educated	21,978	39.86%	11,612	57.69%	15,608	58.37%			49,198	49.94%
Repeat, Internationally Educated	16,806	28.85%	8,134	51.33%	11,248	50.03%			36,188	40.48%
All Candidates	119,797	57.79%	93,363	81.61%	90,154	75.46%			303,314	70.38%

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%			38,025	86.44%
Repeat, U.S.-educated	6,693	37.83%	3,625	49.88%	3,463	43.11%			13,781	42.33%
First-time, Internationally Educated	137	47.45%	77	63.64%	87	50.57%			301	52.49%
Repeat, Internationally Educated	201	25.87%	100	33.00%	96	29.17%			397	28.46%
All Candidates	21,001	65.53%	12,620	77.91%	18,883	81.44%			52,504	74.23%

1 The RN Passing Standard is 0.00 logits.

2 The PN Passing Standard is -0.18 logits.

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