

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board Members

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DATE: March 18, 2024

RE: Calendar Year 2023 NCLEX Pass Rates; Application of Rule 4723-5-23, OAC

Each year, the Board reviews the NCLEX pass rates of pre-license nursing education programs with Full, Provisional, or Continued Conditional approval. NCLEX national and state data are provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

Rule 4723-5-23, Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), specifies that each program's NCLEX pass rate is determined by the percentage of a program's first-time test candidates who attempted the NCLEX exam within six months of completing the nursing education program. Rule 4723-5-23, OAC, also establishes 95% of the national average of first-time test candidates as the benchmark pass rate for Ohio.

When a program's pass rate average of its first-time NCLEX candidates who took the examination within six months of their program completion is less than ninety-five per cent of the national average for first-time candidates in the same calendar year, the following shall apply:

- After the first year, the program shall establish a plan indicating action steps to improve the NCLEX scores of its graduates, and submit the plan with the annual report;
- After two consecutive years, the program shall prepare a report that evaluates the plan of action established after the first year of low NCLEX scores, identify additional steps, and submit the plan with the annual report; and
- After three consecutive years, a representative of the board shall conduct a survey visit and the board may take action on the approval status of the program.

After four consecutive years, a representative of the board may conduct a survey visit and the board shall place the program on provisional approval, or, if the program is on conditional approval status, propose to withdraw conditional approval and deny full

approval status according to the procedures contained in Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Effective in 2022, the Board adopted a revision to Rule 4723-5-23, OAC, that permitted the Board to abstain from changing a program's approval status with respect to its NCLEX pass rates during, or during a relevant time period following, an emergency declared by the state or federal government, or state or local disaster. The U.S. Department HHS issued notification that the federally declared health emergency terminated on May 11, 2023.

For the Board to consider restoring a program to full approval status after a program is placed on provisional status due to low NCLEX first time pass rates, a program must attain a pass rate for at least two consecutive years that meets or exceeds ninety-five per cent of the national average for first-time candidates who took the examination within six months of completion of the program.

Below is information based on all first-time test candidates in calendar year 2023 and includes the national RN and PN NCLEX pass rate averages; the Ohio RN and PN NCLEX pass rate averages; and Ohio RN and PN program NCLEX pass rates compared to the 95% of the national average benchmark. NCLEX pass rate information from 2022 is in parentheses. Programs with ten or more first time test candidates achieving 100% pass rates are also identified.

Section 1: Registered Nursing (RN) Education Programs

Overview and Trends – NCLEX-RN 2023 (2022):

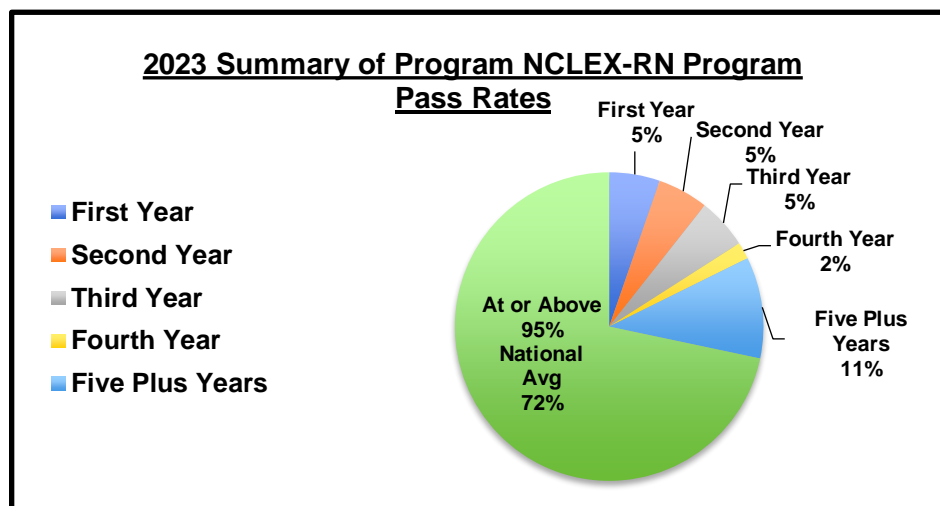
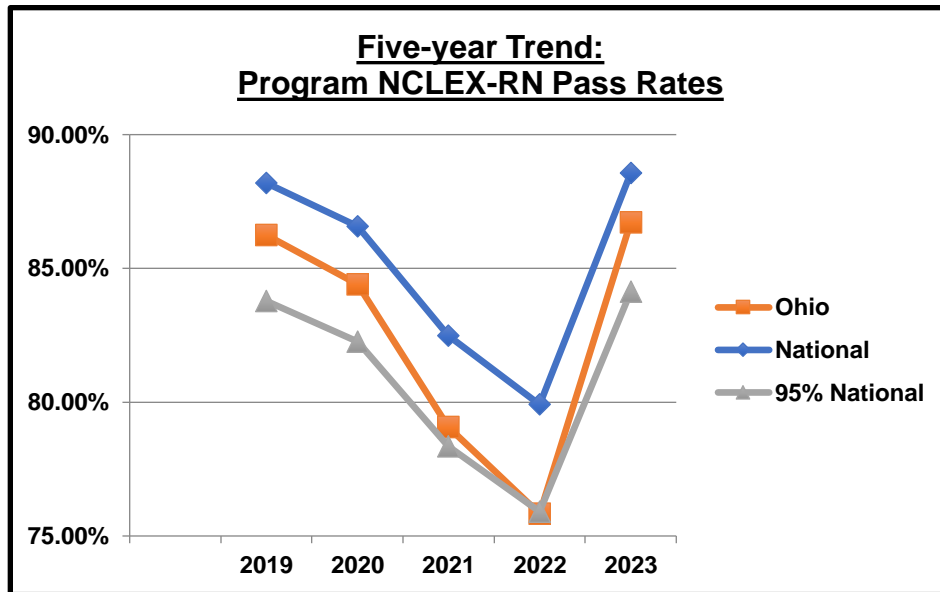
National average: 88.56% (79.91%)

- Number of first time national candidates: 186,374 (187,983)

Ohio average: 86.73% (75.83%)

- Number of Ohio first time candidates: 8,833 (9,397)

95% of national average: 84.13% (75.91%)



**100% Pass Rate for RN Programs with Ten or More Students
Based on All First Time Test Candidates Within Calendar Year**

- Aultman College of Nursing & Health Sciences – 16
- Graduate Entry Nursing Program Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing Case Western Reserve University – 18
- Hiram College, Department of Nursing, Baccalaureate Nursing Education Program – 14
- Hocking College Associate of Applied Science in Nursing – 44
- Malone University School of Nursing – 20
- Mid-East Career and Technology Centers Diploma RN Program – 22

- Ohio Northern University Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program – 20
- Otterbein Nursing Program, Otterbein University – 46
- Shawnee State University, School of Nursing, Bachelor Degree Program – 23
- Terra State Community College Associate Degree in Nursing Program – 21
- Tri-Rivers School of Nursing Diploma Program – 22
- Trinity Health System School of Nursing – 16
- Washington State College of Ohio Associate Degree Nursing Program – 36
- Xavier University Master of Science in Nursing: Direct Entry as a Second Degree – 15

NCLEX-RN Pass Rates Below 95% of National Average Based on First Time Test Candidates within Six Months of Program Completion

First Year of NCLEX-RN Pass Rates Below 95% of National Average

Program Name and Approval Status	2023 Pass Rates	Delivered/Pass/Fail
Academia Medical Institute, LPN to RN Nursing Bridge: Full	60%	10/6/4
Bowling Green State University Bachelor of Science in Nursing: Full	81.08%	37/30/7
James A. Rhodes State College, Associate Degree Nursing Program: Full	81.13%	83/69/14
Kettering College: Full	81.17%	85/69/16
Upper Valley Career Center LPN to RN Diploma Program: Full	70%	10/7/3

**Two Consecutive Years of NCLEX-RN Pass Rates
Below 95% of National Average**

Program Name and Approval Status	2023 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail	2022 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail
ETI Technical College Associate Degree of Applied Science in Nursing: Full	77.14% 35/27/8	75% 24/18/6
Lourdes University, Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program: Full	82.50% 40/33/7	47.37% 57/27/30
OIAH Associate Degree RN Program: Full	54.54% 11/6/5	50% 10/5/5
Professional Skills Institute LPN to RN Bridge Associate Degree: Full	79.84% 129/103/26	64.29% 84/54/30
Sandusky Career Center LPN to RN Diploma Program: Full	80.76% 26/21/5	66.67% 36/24/8
Xavier University Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program: Full	82.40% 108/89/19	71.93% 114/82/32

**Three Consecutive Years of NCLEX-RN Pass Rates
Below 95% of National Average**

Program Name and Approval Status	2023 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail	2021-2022 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail
Associate Degree in Nursing – Fortis College, Cincinnati, OH: Full	78.57% 28/22/6	2022: 50% 28/14/14 2021: 42.86% 35/15/20
Felbry College - School of Nursing Associate of Applied Science in Nursing: Full	32.78% 61/20/41	2022: 32% 25/8/17 2021: 32.14% 28/9/19
Marion Technical College Nursing Program: Full	75.41% 61/46/15	2022: 72.92% 48/35/13 2021: 76.67% 60/46/14
Ohio Medical Career College One Plus One Associate of Applied Science in Nursing: Full	43.90% 41/18/23	2022: 50% 34/17/17 2021: 66.67% 18/12/6

University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College: Full	75.41% 61/46/15	2022: 68.09% 47/32/15 2021: 63.64% 66/42/24
The University of Toledo College of Nursing BSN Program: Full	78.29% 235/184/51	2022: 75.53% 237/179/58 2021: 75.34% 219/165/54

**Four Consecutive Years of NCLEX-RN Pass Rates
Below 95% of National Average**

Program Name and Approval Status	2023 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail	2020-2022 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail
Notre Dame College Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program: Full	73.33% 15/11/4	2022: 71.43% 7/5/2 2021: 66.67%.12/8/4 2020: 68.75%.16/11/5
Richard Medical Academy Registered Nurse Program: Provisional	50% 10/5/5	2022: 37.50% 24/9/16 2021: 54.17% 24/13/11 2020: 66.67% 6/4/2

**Five or More Years of NCLEX-RN Pass Rates
Below 95% National Average**

Program Name and Approval Status	Provisional Approval Effective Date
Acadia Career Institute Registered Nursing Program: Provisional	March 2018
American Institute of Alternative Medicine Registered Nursing Program: Provisional	March 2016
Associate Degree in Nursing - Fortis College, Centerville: Provisional	March 2017

Associate Degree in Nursing - Fortis College, Westerville: Provisional	March 2017
ATA College Registered Nursing, Associate Degree Nursing: Provisional	March 2018
Athena Career Academy LPN to RN Program: Full	The Board previously abstained from changing the approval status due to public emergency and application of Rule 4723-5-23(B)(5), OAC
Ohio Medical Career College One Plus One Nursing Education Program (Diploma): Provisional	March 2017
Ross College-North Canton: Provisional	March 2021
Shawnee State University, Department of Nursing, Associate Degree Program: Full	The Board previously abstained from changing the approval status due to public emergency and application of Rule 4723-5-23(B)(5), OAC

Section 2: Practical Nursing (PN) Education Programs

Overview and Trends – NCLEX-PN 2023 (2022):

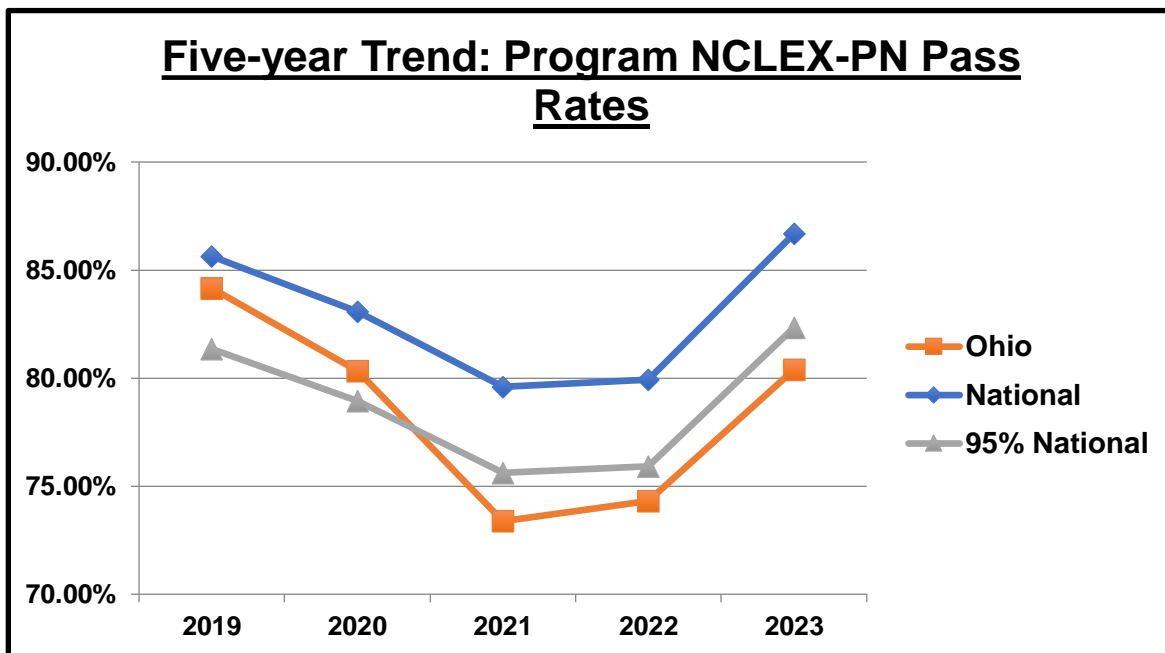
National average: 86.68% (79.93%)

- Number of first time national candidates: 47,548 (47,634)

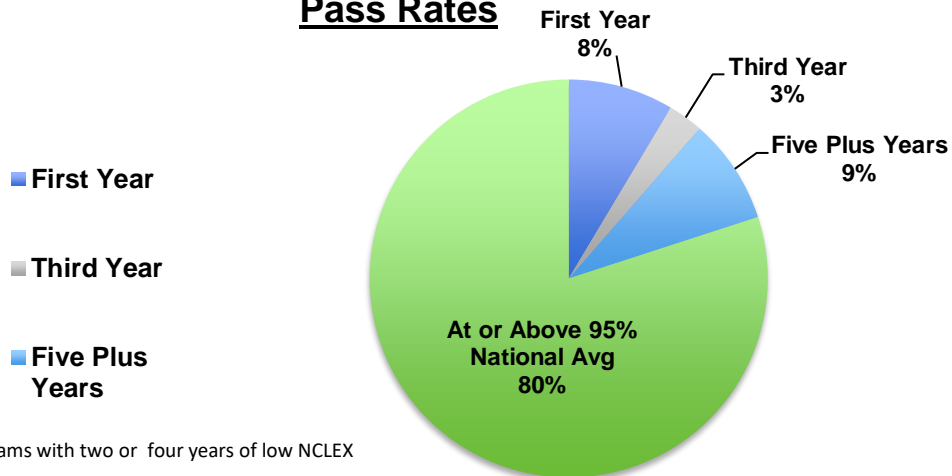
Ohio average: 80.38% (74.33%)

- Number of Ohio first time candidates: 3,171 (3,175)

95% of national average: 82.34% (75.93%)



2023 Summary of Program NCLEX-PN Program Pass Rates



100% Pass Rate for PN Programs with Ten or More Students Based on All First Time Test Candidates Within Calendar Year

- Belmont College Practical Nursing Program – 13
- Columbus State Community College Practical Nurse Program – 29
- Eastern Gateway Community College School of Practical Nursing – 18
- EHOVE School of Practical Nursing EHOVE Career Center – 35
- Lorain County Community College Practical Nursing Program – 27
- Mid-East Career and Technology Center - Adult Education PN Program – 37
- Practical Nursing - Fortis College, Westerville – 32
- Ross College - North Canton Practical Nursing Program – 12
- Southern State Community College Practical Nursing Program – 10
- The Knoedler School of Practical Nurse Education – 16
- The Practical Nursing School of Buckeye Hills Career Center – 17
- Tri-Rivers Center for Adult Education in Nursing – 24
- Washington State College of Ohio Practical Nursing Education – 20
- Wayne County Schools Career Center Adult Practical Nursing Program – 31
- Wayne County Schools Career Center High School Practical Nursing Program – 12

NCLEX-PN Pass Rates Below 95% of National Average Based on First Time Test Candidates within Six Months of Program Completion

One Year of NCLEX-PN Pass Rates Below 95% of National Average

Program Name and Approval Status	2023 Pass Rates	Delivered/Pass/Fail
Academia Medical Institute, School of Nursing: Full	72.41%	29/21/8
Central Ohio Technical College, Practical Nursing Program: Full	78.94%	19/15/4
ETI Technical College Practical Nursing Program: Full	78.57%	14/11/3
Ohio Institute of Allied Health Practical Nursing Program: Full	70.27%	37/26/11
Practical Nursing - Fortis College Centerville: Full	79.16%	48/38/10
Willoughby-Eastlake School of Practical Nursing-Adult Division: Full	78.26%	69/54/15

No PN Programs Incurred Two Consecutive Years of NCLEX-PN Pass Rates Below 95% of National Average

**Three Consecutive Years of NCLEX-PN Pass Rates
Below 95% of National Average**

Program Name and Approval Status	2023 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail	2021-2022 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail
Stautzenberger College Practical Nursing Program: Full	74.07% 27/20/7	2022: 64.29% 42/27/15 2021: 68.97% 29/20/9
Valley College Practical Nursing Diploma Program: Full	57.95% 264/153/111	2022: 49.37% 79/39/40 2021: 58.62% 29/17/12

No PN Programs Incurred Four Consecutive Years of NCLEX-PN Pass Rates Below 95% of National Average

**Five or More Years of NCLEX-PN Pass Rates
Below 95% National Average**

Program Name	Provisional Approval Effective Date
American Institute of Alternative Medicine Practical Nursing Education Program: Provisional	March 2015
ATA College Pre-Licensure Practical Nursing, Diploma (<i>Formerly Beckfield College Practical Nursing Program</i>): Provisional	March 2019
Felbry College-School of Nursing Practical Nursing: Provisional	March 2015
Ohio Medical Career College Practical Nursing Education Program: Provisional	March 2015
Portage Lakes Career Center–W. Howard Nicol School of Practical Nursing: Provisional	March 2019

Richard Medical Academy: Provisional, subject to the conditions and limitations imposed by the January 24, 2024, Consent Agreement.

March 2019