



## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board Members

**FROM:** Lisa Emrich, Program Manager  
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**DATE:** March 11, 2025

**RE:** Calendar Year 2024 NCLEX Pass Rates; Application of Rule 4723-5-23, OAC

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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 factoring 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 all 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 2024 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 2023 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 2024 (2023):**

**National average:** 91.16% (88.56%)

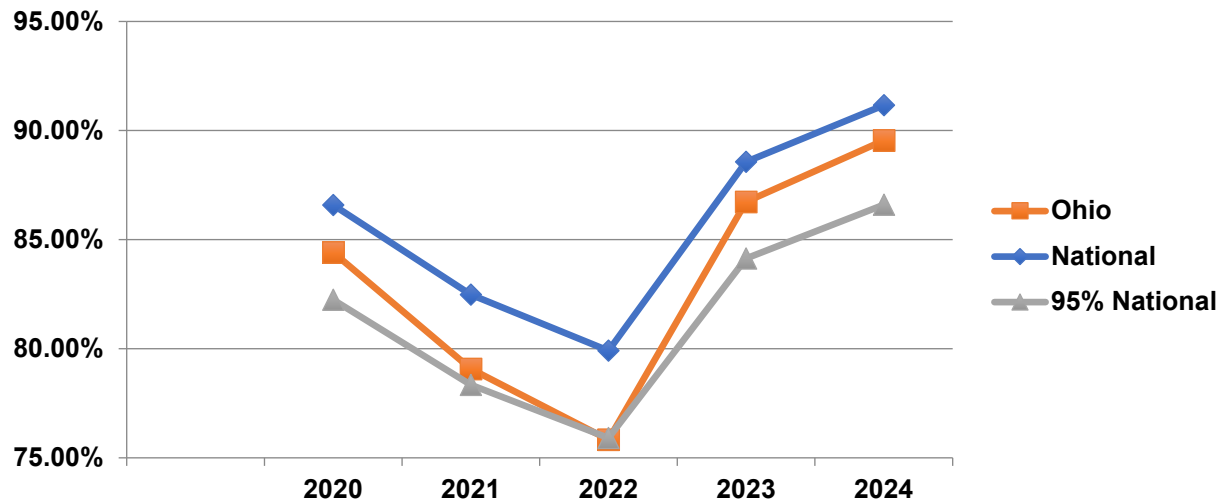
- Number of first time national candidates: 186, 759 (186, 374)

**Ohio average:** 89.55% (86.73%)

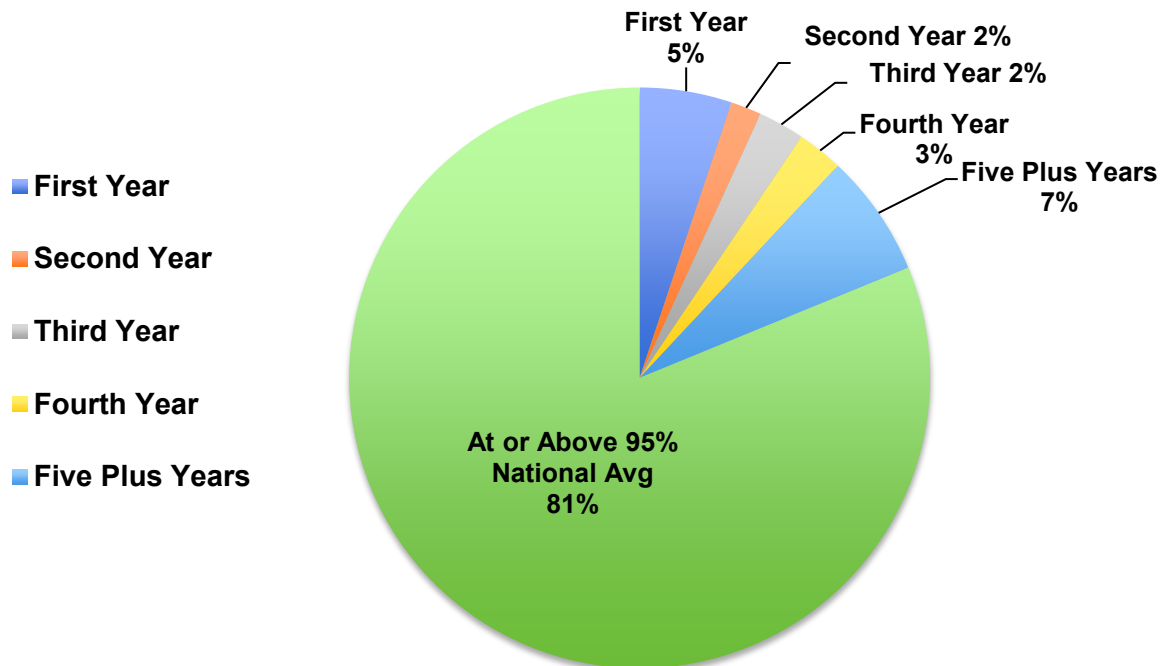
- Number of Ohio first time candidates: 8, 715 (8, 833)

**95% of national average:** 86.60% (84.13%)

### Five-year Trend: Program NCLEX-RN Pass Rates



### 2024 Summary of Program NCLEX-RN Program Pass Rates



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

- Baldwin Wallace University Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program – 15
- Capital University School of Nursing – 79
- Knox Technical Center - LPN to RN Transition Program – 17
- Malone University School of Nursing – 14
- Mount St. Joseph University MSN Program – 38
- Muskingum University Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program – 16
- Northwest State Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program – 36
- Ohio Northern University Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program – 16
- Shawnee State University, School of Nursing, Bachelor Degree Program – 16
- Tri-Rivers School of Nursing Diploma Program – 19
- Washington State College of Ohio Associate Degree Nursing Program – 42
- Xavier University Master of Science in Nursing: Direct Entry as a Second Degree – 10
- Youngstown State University Centofanti School of Nursing Associate Degree Program – 11

**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**

<b>Program Name and Approval Status</b>	<b>2024 Pass Rates</b>	<b>Delivered/Pass/Fail</b>
Cleveland State University School of Nursing: Full	84.61%	143/121/22
EHOVE Career Center LPN to RN Diploma Program: Full	85.41%	48/41/7
Lourdes University, Direct Entry Master of Science in Nursing Program: Full	80.95%	21/17/4
Pickaway Ross JVS District-RN Diploma Program: Full	78.94%	19/15/4

The University of Findlay, Department of Nursing: Full	78.57%	14/11/3
Trinity Health System School of Nursing: Full	84.61%	13/11/2

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

Program Name and Approval Status	2024 Pass Rates	2023 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail
Academia Medical Institute, LPN to RN Nursing Bridge: Full	67.64% 34/23/11	60% 10/6/4
Upper Valley Career Center LPN to RN Diploma Program: Full	78.57% 14/11/3	70% 10/7/3

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

Program Name and Approval Status	2024 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail	2022-2023 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail
ETI Technical College Associate Degree of Applied Science in Nursing: Full	62.50% 24/15/9	2023: 77.14% 35/27/8 2022: 75% 24/18/6
OIAH Associate Degree RN Program: Full	62.50% 16/10/6	2023: 54.54% 11/6/5 2022: 50% 10/5/5
Professional Skills Institute LPN to RN Bridge Associate Degree: Full	82.44% 131/108/23	2023: 79.84% 129/103/26 2022: 64.29% 84/54/30

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

Program Name and Approval Status	2024 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail	2021-2023 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail
Felbry College - School of Nursing Associate of Applied Science in Nursing: Full	75% 36/27/9	2023: 32.78% 61/20/41 2022: 32% 25/8/17 2021: 32.14% 28/9/19

Ohio Medical Career College One Plus One Associate of Applied Science in Nursing: Full	49.43% 89/44/45	2023: 43.90% 41/18/23 2022: 50% 34/17/17 2021: 66.67% 18/12/6
University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College: Full	80% 65/52/13	2023: 75.41% 61/46/15 2022: 68.09% 47/32/15 2021: 63.64% 66/42/24

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

<b>Program Name and Approval Status</b>	<b>Provisional Approval Effective Date</b>
Acadia Career Institute Registered Nursing Program:  Provisional. At its September 2024 meeting, the Board of Nursing issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Acadia Career Institute Registered Nursing Program proposing to withdraw its Provisional approval and to deny Full approval.	March 2018
American Institute of Alternative Medicine Registered Nursing Program:  Provisional. At its September 2024 meeting, the Board of Nursing issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to American Institute of Alternative Medicine Registered Nursing Program proposing to withdraw its Provisional approval and to deny Full approval.	March 2016
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: Provisional	March 2024
Hondros College of Nursing Associate Degree In Nursing: Provisional	March 2017
Richard Medical Academy Registered Nurse Program:  Provisional. At its September 2024 meeting, the Board of Nursing issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Richard Medical Academy Registered Nurse Programm proposing to withdraw its Provisional approval and to deny Full approval.	November 2023
Shawnee State University, Department of Nursing, Associate Degree Program: Provisional	March 2024

## Section 2: Practical Nursing (PN) Education Programs

### Overview and Trends – NCLEX-PN 2024 (2023):

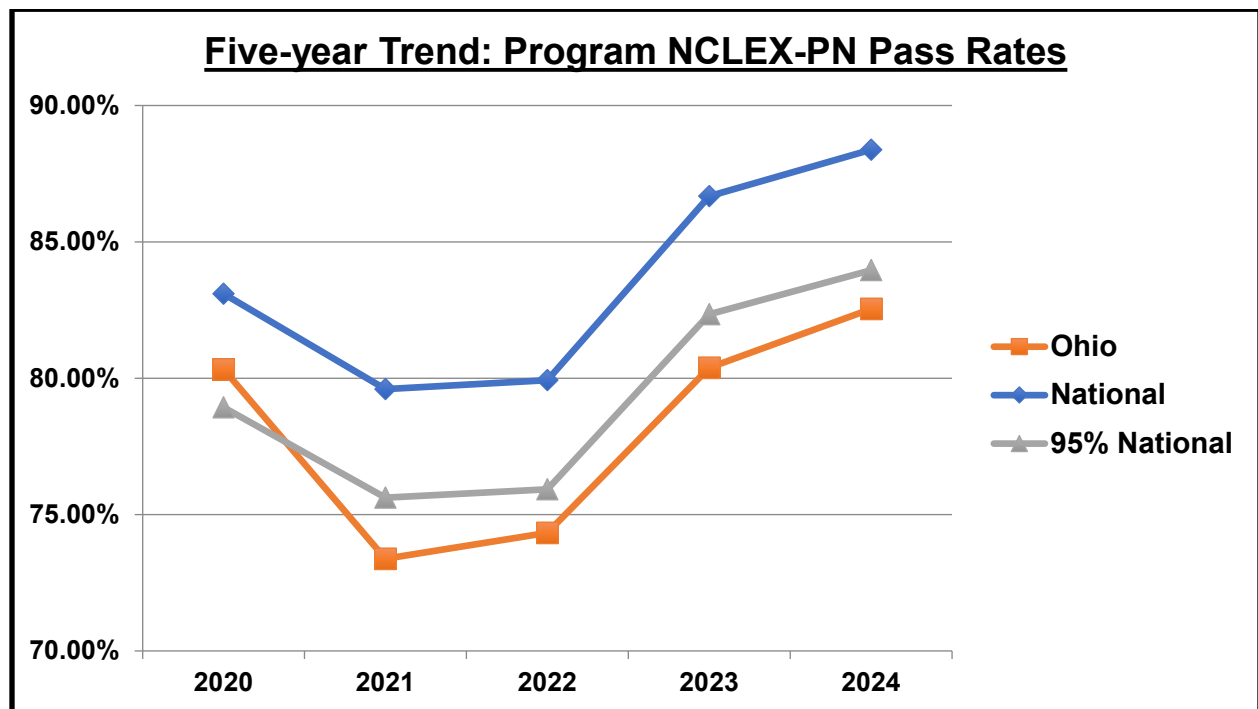
**National average:** 88.38% (86.68%)

- Number of first time national candidates: 50, 567 (47,548)

**Ohio average:** 82.54% (80.38%)

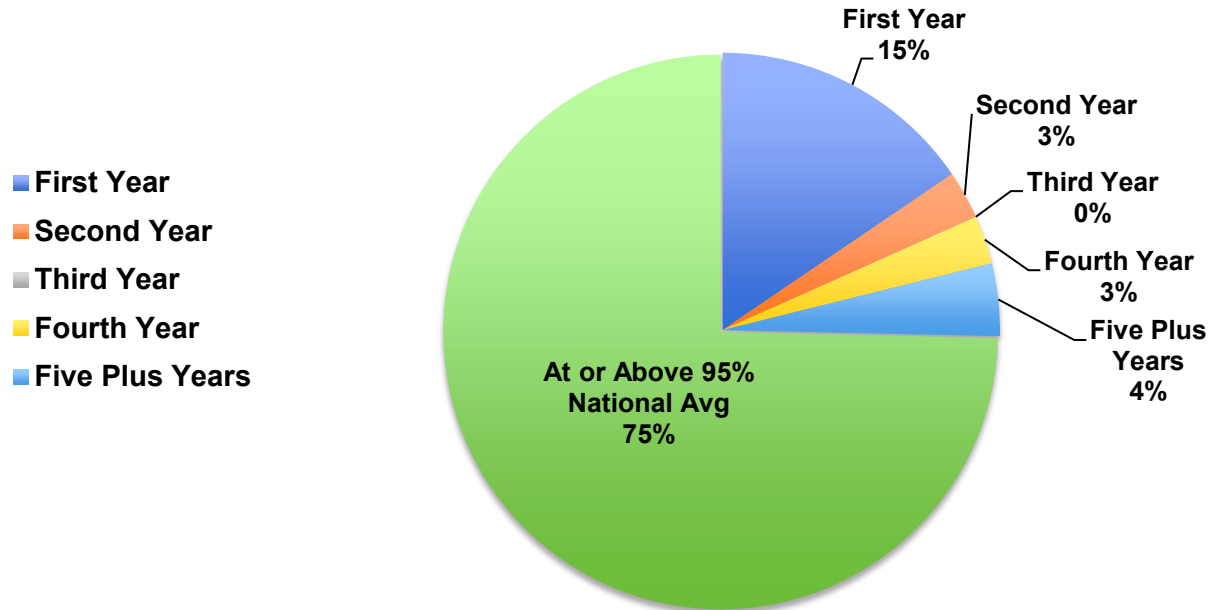
- Number of Ohio first time candidates: 3, 436 (3,171)

**95% of national average:** 83.96% (82.34%)





## 2024 Summary of Program NCLEX-PN Program Pass Rates



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

- Apollo School of Practical Nursing – 25
- Auburn Practical Nursing Program – 20
- Brown County Practical Nursing Education Program – 21
- EHOVE School of Practical Nursing EHOVE Career Center – 39
- Fortis College School of Nursing Practical Nursing Program, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio – 17
- Herzing University Akron Diploma in Practical Nursing Program – 15
- Lorain County Community College Practical Nursing Program – 20
- North Central State College Practical Nurse Program – 34
- Sandusky Career Center School of Practical Nursing – 11
- Stark State College Practical Nursing – 34
- The Knoedler School of Practical Nurse Education – 21
- Tri-Rivers Center for Adult Education in Nursing – 33
- Washington State College of Ohio Practical Nursing Education – 20
- Wayne County Schools Career Center Adult Practical Nursing Program – 11
- Wayne County Schools Career Center High School Practical Nursing Program – 10

**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**

<b>Program Name and Approval Status</b>	<b>2024 Pass Rates</b>	<b>Delivered/Pass/Fail</b>
ABBE Education Center School of Practical Nursing: Full	77.77%	9/7/2
Athena Career Academy Practical Nursing Program: Full	51.25%	80/41/39
Butler Tech Program of Practical Nurse Education: Full	83.33%	54/45/9
Choffin Career and Technical Center: Full	82.35%	17/14/3
Eastland-Fairfield Career Center & Technical Schools Adult Practical Nurse Program:  Continued Conditional subject to the terms and conditions of the November 21, 2024, Consent Agreement.	71.42%	7/5/2
Hannah E. Mullins School of Practical Nursing: Full	83.33%	12/10/2
Hocking College Practical Nursing Program: Full	80%	5/4/1
Mid-East Career and Technology Centers, Zanesville Campus High School PN Program: Full	58.33%	12/7/5
Practical Nurse Program, Canton City School District: Full	75.86%	29/22/7
The School of Nursing at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center: Full	82.60%	23/19/4

The STEM Academy of Lawrence County at Collins Career Technical Center LPN Program: Full	33.33%	6/2/4
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### Two Consecutive Years of NCLEX-PN Pass Rates Below 95% of National Average

Program Name and Approval Status	2024 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail	2023 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail
Academia Medical Institute, School of Nursing: Full	53.33% 60/32/28	72.41% 29/21/8
Willoughby-Eastlake School of Practical Nursing-Adult Division: Full	79.77% 89/71/18	78.26% 69/54/15

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

### Four Consecutive Years of NCLEX-PN Pass Rates Below 95% of National Average

Program Name and Approval Status	2024 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail	2021-2023 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail
Stautzenberger College Practical Nursing Program: Full	78.94% 38/30/8	2023: 74.07% 27/20/7 2022: 64.29% 42/27/15 2021: 68.97% 29/20/9
Valley College Practical Nursing Diploma Program: Provisional	71.42% 217/155/62	2023: 57.95% 264/153/111 2022: 49.37% 79/39/40 2021: 58.62% 29/17/12

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

Program Name	Provisional Approval Effective Date
ATA College Pre-Licensure Practical Nursing, Diploma ( <i>Formerly Beckfield College Practical Nursing Program</i> ): Provisional	March 2019
Ohio Medical Career College Practical Nursing Education Program: Provisional	March 2015
<p>Richard Medical Academy:</p> <p>Provisional, subject to the conditions and limitations imposed by the January 24, 2024, Consent Agreement. At its July 2024 meeting, the Board of Nursing issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Richard Medical Academy proposing to withdraw its Provisional approval and to deny Full approval.</p>	March 2019