



## Ohio Board of Nursing

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Board Members

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DATE: February 19, 2019

RE: Nursing Education Program NCLEX Pass Rates – Calendar Year 2018

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Each year at its March meeting, 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 is reported by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

In prior years, all first time test candidates within a calendar year were included, regardless of the length of time between the candidate's program completion and the their first NCLEX examination attempt. The Board revised Rule 4723-5-23, OAC, effective April 1, 2017, to include only the first time test candidates who took the NCLEX examination within six months of completing the education program.

Calendar year 2017 was a transitional year due to the April 1, 2017 effective date of the rule. The number of test candidates in the first quarter, January through March, included all the first time test candidates; the number of test candidates in the remaining quarters, April through December 2017, was limited to the first time test candidates taking the NCLEX within six months of program completion. For 2018, the report includes only the first time test candidates who attempted the NCLEX within six months of program completion.

Rule 4723-5-23, OAC, establishes a benchmark of 95% of the national average for first time test candidates within a calendar year. Specific action is required for each successive year a program has a NCLEX pass rate that falls below 95% of the national average as follows:

- After the first year, the program is required to establish a plan indicating action steps to improve its graduates' NCLEX scores, and submit the plan in its annual report to the Board.
- After the second consecutive year, the program is required to prepare a report that evaluates the previous year's action plan, identify additional steps to improve its graduates' NCLEX pass rates, and submit the evaluation plan and additional steps in its annual report to the Board.

- After three consecutive years, the Board shall conduct a survey visit of the program, after which the Board may take action concerning the approval status of the program.
- After the fourth consecutive year, the Board is required to place the program on Provisional approval, and the Board may conduct a survey visit.

For the Board to consider restoring a program to full approval status after a program is placed on provisional status due to low NCLEX scores, the program must have a NCLEX pass rate that meets or exceeds 95% of the national average for first-time candidates for at least two consecutive years.

Below are the national RN and PN NCLEX pass rate averages for all first time test candidates in calendar year 2018; the Ohio RN and PN NCLEX pass rate averages based on all Ohio program first time test candidates in calendar year 2018; and 95% of the national average for calendar year 2018.

Ohio RN and PN program 2018 NCLEX pass rates, calculated as described above, are compared to the 95% of the national average benchmark. NCLEX pass rate information from 2017 is provided in parentheses. Programs with ten or more first time test candidates achieving 100% pass rates are also identified.

## **Section 1: RN Education Programs**

### **Overview and Trends – NCLEX-RN 2018 (2017):**

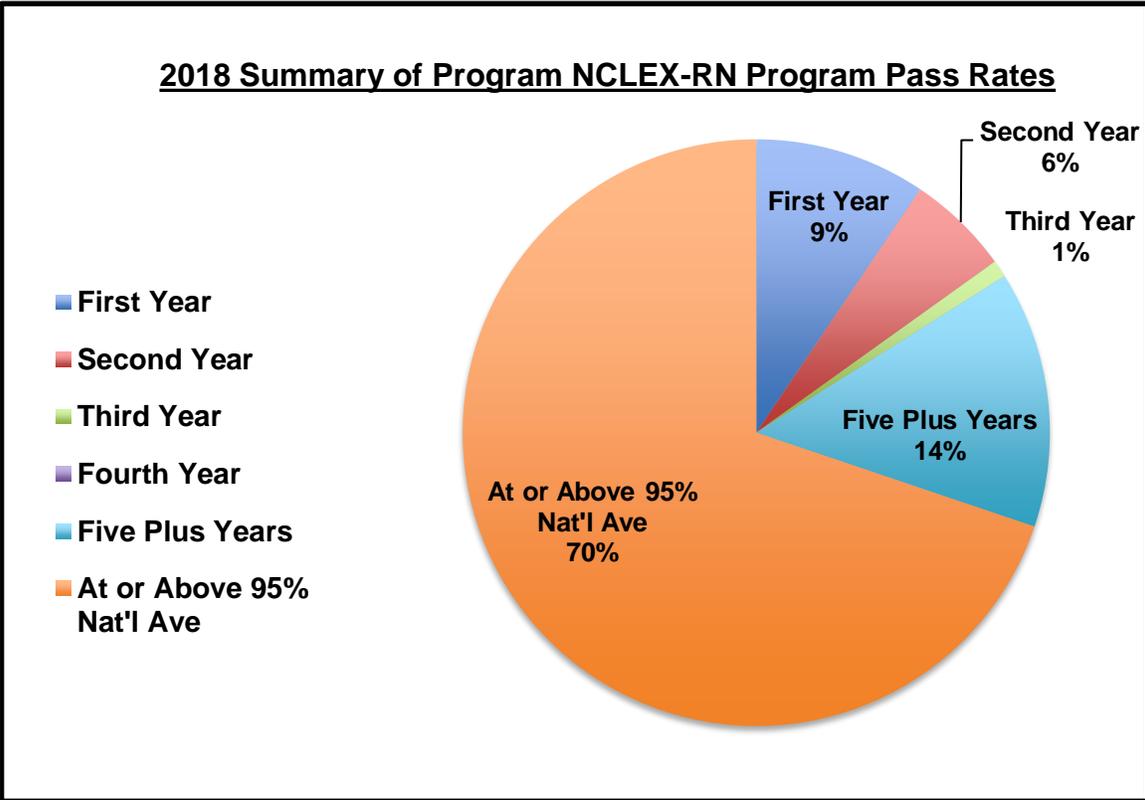
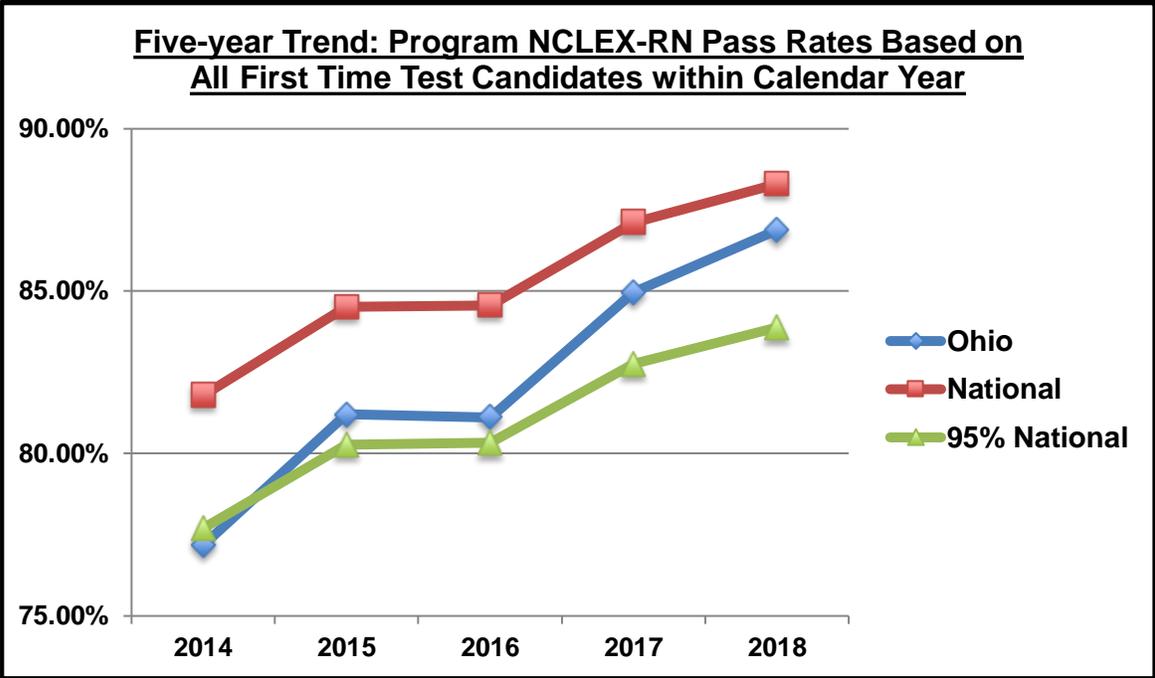
Ohio: 86.88% (84.96%)

- Number of Ohio candidates: 8,315 (8,282)

National average: 88.30% (87.12%)

- Number of national candidates: 163,209 (157,734)

95% of national average: 83.88% (82.76%)



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

- Malone University School of Nursing – 27
- Muskingum University Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program – 15
- Ohio Northern University Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program Getty College of Arts & Sciences – 30
- Otterbein Nursing Program, Otterbein University – 48
- Tri-Rivers School of Nursing Diploma Program – 12
- Trinity Health System School of Nursing – 25
- University of Mount Union, Department of Nursing – 22
- Washington State Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program – 26
- Xavier University Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing – 24

**NCLEX-RN Pass Rates Below 95% of the National Average**

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

Program Name and Approval Status	2018 Pass Rates	Delivered/Pass/Fail
Athena Career Academy LPN to RN Program: Full	52.50%	40/21/19
Felbry College-School Nursing Associate of Applied Science in Nursing: Full	66.66%	3/2/1
Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science: Full	82.71%	81/67/14

Lourdes University, Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program: Full	74.62%	67/50/17
Mount St. Joseph University MSN Program: Full	82.97%	47/39/8
Ohio Institute of Allied Health, Inc., Nursing Education Program: Full	83.33%	6/5/1
Shawnee State University, Department of Nursing, Associate Degree Program: Full	81.25%	48/39/9
South University of Ohio (d/b/a South University) Bachelor of Science in Nursing: Full	62.50%	8/5/3
Stark State College Associate Degree in Nursing Program: Full	76.92%	130/100/30
University of Findlay Department of Nursing: Full	72.72%	22/16/6
Youngstown State University, BSN Program: Full	82.10%	95/78/17

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

<b>Program Name and Approval Status</b>	<b>2018 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail</b>	<b>2017 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail</b>
Collins Career Technical Center LPN-RN Diploma Nursing Program: Full	81.25% 64/52/12	64.70% 34/22/12
Fortis College School of Nursing Associate Degree in Nursing Program, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio: Full	78.57% 42/33/9	77.55% 49/38/11

Mercy College of Ohio, Baccalaureate Nursing Program: Full	80.43% 46/37/9	82.56% 109/90/19
Ohio University School of Nursing-Southern (BSN): Full	73.33% 15/11/4	82.35% 17/14/3
Ross College-North Canton: Full	56.25% 16/9/7	60.86% 23/14/9
Xavier University Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program: Provisional	81.25% 96/78/18	77.14% 105/81/24

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

<b>Program Name and Approval Status</b>	<b>2018 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail</b>	<b>2016-2017 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail</b>
Associate of Applied Science in Nursing, The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Department of Nursing: Full	72.95% 122/89/33	2016: 65.15%    132/86/46 2017: 77.09%    131/101/30

**No RN Programs Incurred Four Consecutive Years of  
NCLEX Pass Rates Below 95% of the National Average**

**Programs on Provisional Approval for Five or More Years of NCLEX-RN Pass  
Rates Below 95% of National Average**

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Provisional Approval Effective Date</b>
Acadia Career Institute Registered Nursing Program	March 2018
American Institute of Alternative Medicine Registered Nursing Program	March 2016

Associate Degree in Nursing - Fortis College, Centerville	March 2017
Associate Degree in Nursing - Fortis College, Cincinnati	March 2016
Associate Degree in Nursing - Fortis College, Westerville	March 2017
ATA College Registered Nursing, Associate Degree Nursing ( <i>Formerly Beckfield College Associate Degree Nursing Program</i> )	March 2018
Belmont College Associate Degree Nursing Program	March 2012
Bryant & Stratton College Department of Nursing	March 2017
Bryant & Stratton College, Nursing Program Akron	March 2018
Eastern Gateway Community College Associate Degree of Nursing Program	March 2018
Felbry School of Nursing Registered Nursing (Diploma) Program	March 2017
Hondros College of Nursing Associate Degree in Nursing	March 2017
Ohio Medical Career College One Plus One Nursing Education Program (Diploma)	March 2017
University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College	March 2015
University of Rio Grande, Holzer School of Nursing	March 2017

## Section 2: PN Education Programs

### Overview and Trends – NCLEX-PN 2018 (2017):

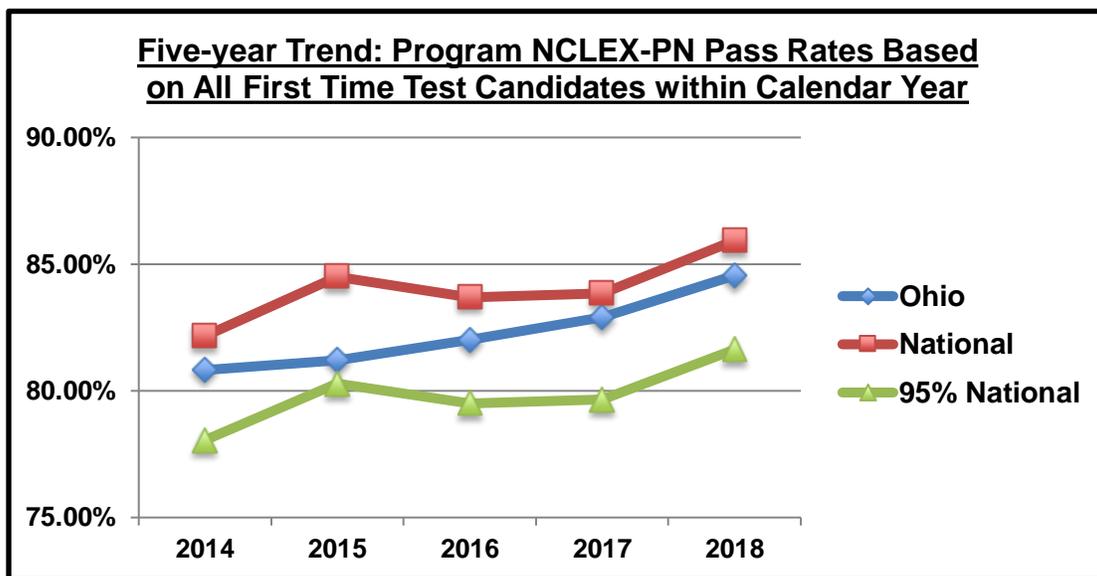
Ohio: 84.55% (82.89%)

- Number of Ohio candidates: 2,991 (2,987)

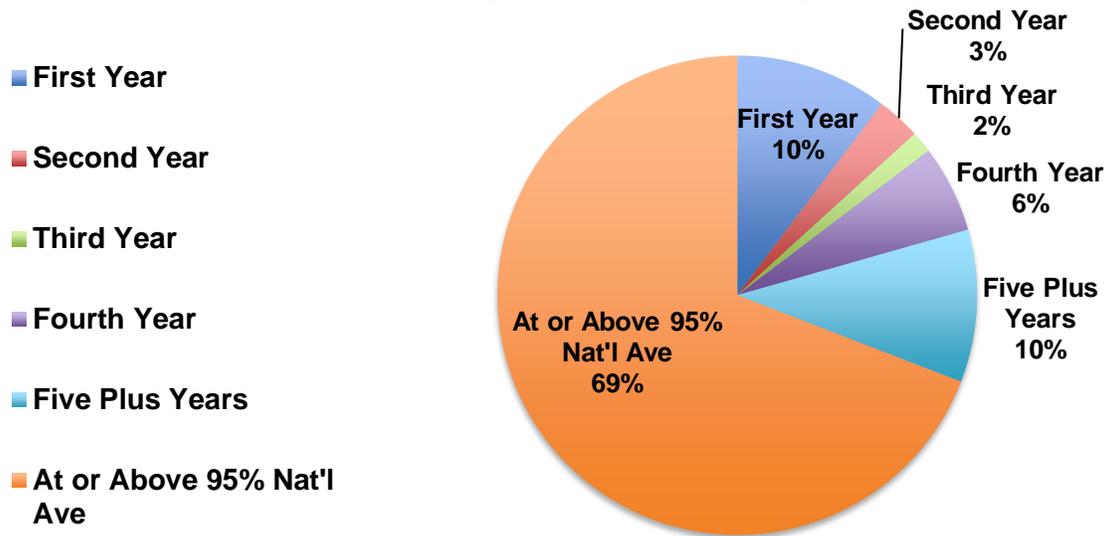
National average: 85.93% (83.85%)

- Number of national candidates: 47,044 (46,945)

95% of national average: 81.63% (79.65%)



### 2018 Summary of Program NCLEX-PN Program Pass Rates



### **PN Programs with Ten or More Students Achieving a 100% Pass Rate**

Based on First Time Test Candidates Within the Calendar Year

- ETI Technical College Practical Nursing Program – 23
- Knox County Career Center Licensed Practical Nursing Program – 28
- North Central State College Practical Nurse Program – 15
- Owens Community College Practical Nurse Program – 16
- Washington State Community College Practical Nursing Education – 23

**NCLEX-PN Pass Rates Below 95% of the National Average**

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

<b>Program Name and Approval Status</b>	<b>2018 Pass Rates</b>	<b>Delivered/Pass/Fail</b>
Belmont College Practical Nursing Program: Full	78.57%	14/11/3
Choffin School of Practical Nursing: Full	79.31%	29/23/6
Hannah E. Mullins School of Practical Nursing: Full	80.64%	31/25/6
Professional Skills Institute School of Practical Nursing: Provisional	79.68%	128/102/26
Ross College – North Canton Practical Nursing: Full	54.54%	11/6/5

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

<b>Program Name and Approval Status</b>	<b>2018 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail</b>	<b>2017 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail</b>
Scioto County Career Technical Center Practical Nursing Program: Full	78.57% 28/22/6	77.50% 40/31/9
The School of Nursing at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center: Full	75.00% 32/24/8	76.66% 30/23/7

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

<b>Program Name and Approval Status</b>	<b>2018 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail</b>	<b>2016-2017 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail</b>
Hocking College Practical Nursing Program: Provisional	73.33% 30/22/8	2016: 76.67% 30/23/7 2017: 61.53% 39/24/15

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

<b>Program Name and Approval Status</b>	<b>2018 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail</b>	<b>2015-2017 Pass Rates Delivered/Pass/Fail</b>
ATA College Pre-Licensure Practical Nursing, Diploma <i>(Formerly Beckfield College Practical Nursing Program): Full</i>	70.83% 24/17/7	2015: 68.29% 41/28/13 2016: 67.39% 46/31/15 2017: 65.00% 20/13/7
Portage Lakes Career Center– W. Howard Nicol School of Practical Nursing: Full	71.42% 28/20/8	2015: 68.42% 19/13/6 2016: 68.00% 25/17/8 2017: 63.15% 19/12/7
Richard Medical Academy: Provisional	80.00% 10/8/2	2015: 40.00% 5/2/3 2016: 50.00% 10/5/5 2017: 50.00% 8/4/4
Wayne County Schools Career Center High School Practical Nursing Program: Full	60.00% 10/6/4	2015: 50.00% 8/4/4 2016: 60.00% 10/6/4 2017: 70.00% 10/7/3

**Programs on Provisional Approval for Five or More Years of NCLEX-PN Pass Rates Below 95% National Average**

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Provisional Approval Effective Date</b>
American Institute of Alternative Medicine Practical Nursing Education Program	March 2015
Felbry College-School of Nursing Practical Nursing	March 2015

MDT College of Health Sciences Practical Nursing Program	March 2016
Ohio Medical Career College Practical Nursing Education Program	March 2015
Practical Nurse Program, Canton City School District	March 2015
Toledo School of Practical Nursing	March 2016
Willoughby-Eastlake School of Practical Nursing-High School Division	March 2016