Kentucky Board of Nursing
Programs of Nursing
Program Alert
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NCLEX Results

Attached to this alert is a report that KBN generated from the NCSBN database. The report lists to date all of your first time test takers that have sat for NCLEX and their results- positive and negative. (Reports are run based on the dates used to calculate the annual pass rate and include only those graduates that tested in Kentucky)

The plan is to mail this report to you on the schedule listed below. This schedule was developed based on anticipated graduation dates of programs. The schedule will be as follows: (we will still continue to mail the individual reports for those students that are not successful)

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- February 1
- April 1

} These reports should include most winter graduates.

- July 1
- September 1

} These reports should include most Spring/Summer graduates

- November — The final report that comprises the annual pass rate calculation.

The timing of the reports should allow you to keep track of which students have taken NCLEX and where your pass rate stands. The report is only as current as the day it is printed- you may have other students who have tested since the print date that are not reflected.

Kentucky Nursing Laws: A Self-Learning Packet

As you are probably aware, for several years the National Council of State Boards (NCSBN) has offered CE offerings through their website specific to different state Nurse Practice Acts. To add Kentucky to the list of available offerings, in the summer of 2003, Carol McGuire, M.S., R.N. developed a self-learning packet for this express purpose- a CE offering available through the NCSBN. But the packet has great value beyond the NCSBN website and it's use as continuing education. The content is extremely valuable in educating nursing students about the Kentucky Nurse Practice Act. Enclosed is the complete learning packet for your use. Feel free to copy and use with your students. Although there is not an "official" evaluation form, I would appreciate any feedback on the usefulness of the materials an/or any changes that need to be made.

The material provided is for educational purposes and CE ***is not*** available for successful completion. If you or your faculty would desire to complete the program for CE credit, you will need to visit the NCSBN website and purchase through them. It should be available on their website within the next several months.

Notification of Individual Candidate Results

Effective February 1, we will begin to email you the individual candidate results forms that to date you have been receiving in the mail. They will come in the form of a *pdf* file and will look identical to what you have been receiving in the mail. The results emailed will only be for those graduates who have been unsuccessful on NCLEX. We <u>will not</u> be sending profiles on successful graduates.

Parameters used for the NCLEX report found no matching data for your program to date. Those parameters were:

1. Graduated July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004

2. Tested July 1, 2003 – September 30, 2004

3. Completed NCLEX as a first-time writer

FACTS ABOUT NCLEX®

2003 Nurse Licensure Examination Statistics

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Multiple steps must be completed before a nurse can safely enter into this important profession. These steps typically include:

- graduating from a recognized nursing program,
- meeting the specific requirements of the state board of nursing, and
- passing the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) NCLEX® examinations for Registered Nurses or Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses.

Because passing the NCLEX is usually the final step in the nurse licensure process, the number of people passing the NCLEX ("pass rate") is a good indicator of how many new nurses are entering the profession in the U.S.

These tables provide the most recent data on the NCLEX testing volume and the associated pass rates. In addition, NCSBN has listed the top five countries where nurses were educated outside the U.S. and who are taking the NCLEX examination in hopes of obtaining nursing employment in the U.S.

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NCLEX® Volume and Pass Rates

	2003				
Candidates	**Jan-Mar**	**Apr-Jun**	**Jul-Sep**	**Oct-Dec**	**Total**
RN					
Total	**26,085 (69%)**	**31,439 (74%)**	**47,886 (77%)**	**19,329 (55%)**	**124,739 (71%)**
First-Time	18,739 (81%)	24,111 (85%)	40,552 (84%)	9,814 (67%)	93,216 (82%)
Repeat	7,346 (39%)	7,328 (40%)	7,334 (39%)	9,515 (42%)	31,523 (40%)
U.S.-Educated	18,932 (79%)	24,136 (84%)	39,970 (83%)	11,127 (66%)	94,165 (81%)
Foreign-Educated	7,153 (42%)	7,303 (43%)	7,916 (44%)	8,202 (40%)	30,574 (42%)
PN					
Total	**12,119 (76%)**	**10,646 (74%)**	**20,798 (84%)**	**13,018 (76%)**	**56,581 (79%)**
First-Time	9,453 (85%)	8,018 (84%)	18,325 (89%)	10,482 (85%)	46,278 (87%)
Repeat	2,666 (45%)	2,628 (43%)	2,473 (42%)	2,536 (42%)	10,303 (43%)
U.S.-Educated	11,125 (79%)	9,648 (77%)	19,750 (86%)	11,971 (79%)	52,494 (81%)
Foreign-Educated	994 (45%)	998 (41%)	1,048 (41%)	1,047 (40%)	4,087 (42%)

Number = the number of people taking the examination.
Percentage = percentage of the number that passed the examination ("pass rate").

First-Time Foreign-Educated Candidates: Top 5 Countries (with respect to volume)

	2003				
Volume	**Jan-Mar**	**Apr-Jun**	**Jul-Sep**	**Oct-Dec**	**Total**
1st	Philippines 2,590	Philippines 2,495	Philippines 2,612	Philippines 2,930	Philippines 10,627
2nd	India 305	Canada 364	Canada 431	Canada 380	Canada 1,464
3rd	Canada 289	India 353	India 380	India 356	India 1,394
4th	South Korea 219	South Korea 262	South Korea 280	South Korea 297	South Korea 1,058
5th	Nigeria 86	Nigeria 93	China 125	Nigeria 113	Nigeria 409

In this table, the count of first-time foreign-educated candidates includes both RNs and PNs.

For more detailed information about the NCLEX examination statistics, see "Licensure and Examination Statistics" at www.ncsbn.org/public/regulation/licensure_stats.htm.

For more general NCLEX information, see the Testing Services section of NCSBN's Web site, www.ncsbn.org.

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