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Florida Ranks Last Among States in Nursing Exam Pass Rate

Tampa, Fla. - The Florida Center for Nursing (FCN) published its “2023 NCLEX Report.” Consistent with Florida Statute §464.0195(5), the report provides information about Florida’s NCLEX pass rates. Evaluation of NCLEX pass rates is a critical step in overall evaluation of the State’s nursing workforce as newly licensed nurses are often employed to fill vacant nursing positions.

Key findings:

- Florida produced the greatest number of NCLEX-RN test takers in the nation.
- Florida’s 2023 NCLEX-RN pass rate was 76.75%, below the national average of 88.56%.
- Florida’s NCLEX-RN pass rates ranked 52 of 55 jurisdictions.
- Florida’s 2023 NCLEX-PN pass rate was 74.87%, below the national average of 86.67%.
- Florida’s NCLEX-PN pass rates ranked 52 out of 54 jurisdictions.

The Florida Center for Nursing is established to research and address issues of supply and demand for nursing, including issues of recruitment, retention, and utilization of nurse workforce resources. Nurses are critical to the health and wellness of Floridians. The future of nursing in Florida is dependent upon implementation of innovative strategies to ensure an adequate supply of qualified nurses to meet the needs of the people of Florida.

Florida Center for Nursing “2023 NCLEX Report” – <https://flcntr.org/2023NCLEX>

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