



Practical Nursing Licensure Examination Pass Rates

Bucks County Community College

Academic Year	Number of Graduates Who Attempted the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX)	First Attempt NCLEX Pass Rate Percentage
2017/18	23	95.65%
2016/17	28	96.42%
2015/16	36	97.14%
2014/15	43	70.45%
2013/14	19	90.00%

The National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN) is a standardized exam that each State Board of Nursing uses to determine a candidate's preparation for entry-level practical nursing practice. Once a candidate successfully completes a board approved Practical Nursing Program, they may apply to sit for the NCLEX-PN to obtain licensure to practice as an LPN.

As determined by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), the NCLEX examination covers the following four 'client needs' categories:

- Safe, Effective Care Environment
- Health Promotion and Maintenance
- Psychological Integrity
- Physiological Integrity

The NCLEX is a multiple choice exam which uses Computerized Adaptive Testing (CAT) to determine competency in each category. LPN candidates will answer a minimum of 85 questions and a maximum of 205 questions. If the candidate is clearly above the passing standard, the candidate will pass the exam; likewise, if a candidate is clearly below the standard, the candidate will fail the exam. There is five (5) hours allotted to complete the exam, which includes an introductory tutorial and two 10-minute breaks.

For further information please go to <https://www.ncsbn.org/nclex.htm>.