



Update: Ohio NCLEX

Foundational Principles

Education and Practice collaboratively transcends and informs the work of all five pillars.



Vision: To be a leader through innovative and efficient health care regulation positively impacting the wellbeing of every Ohioan.

Mission: Actively safeguard the public through equitable regulation of nursing and other health care professions.



Education



Practice



Licensure



Compliance



Legislation

ACCOUNTABILITY - COMPASSION - INTEGRITY - COLLABORATION - INCLUSION

SERVICE

COMMUNICATION

PEOPLE

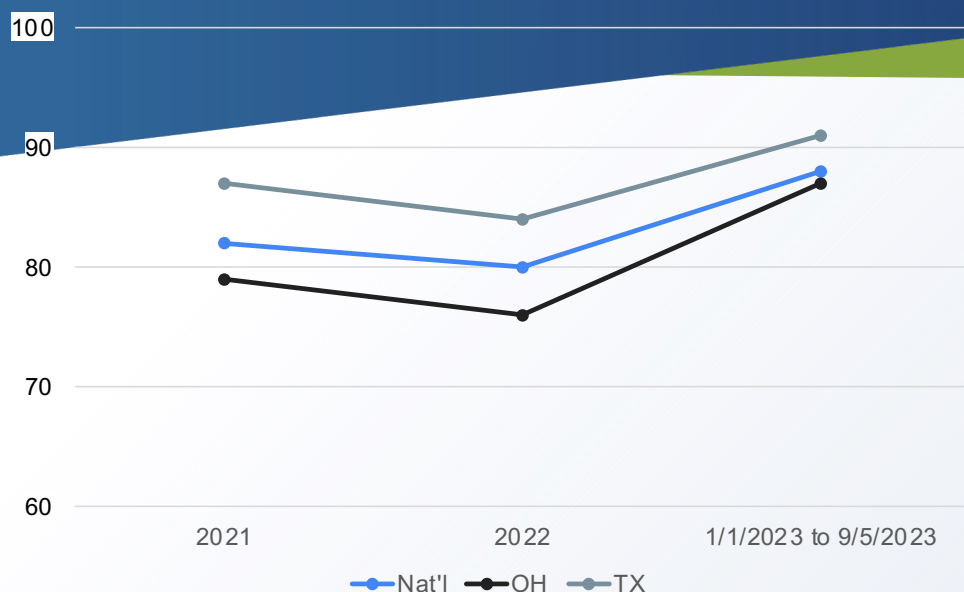
Focus: NCLEX First Time Pass Rates

Status Report: Ohio NCLEX First Time Pass Rates (FTPR)

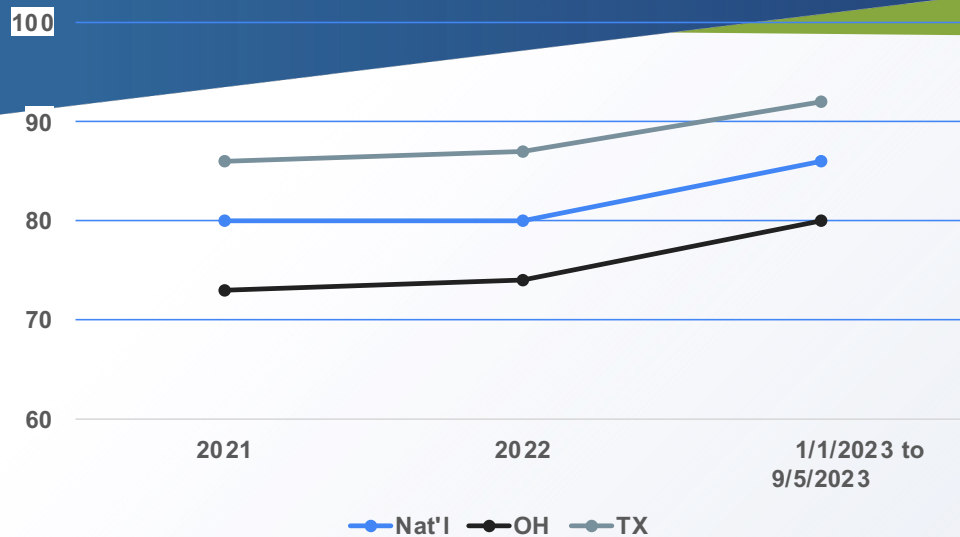
Review: Additional Regulatory information learned from other Boards with higher NCLEX FTPRs discussed with Advisory Group and the Board.

Explain: Actions that are being recommended and considered.

First Time RN NCLEX FTPR %



First Time PN NCLEX FTPR %



Comparison Chart: RN NCLEX FTPR by percentage and number

Time Period	National Avg	OH	TX	AZ	NC	WA
Calendar Year 2022	79.91%	75.83% 9,397	84.25% 12,500	84.78% 3,078	86.33% 3,594	82.91% 2,251
Quarter 1 & 2 2023 (Jan thru June)	87.62%	85.75% 4,801	90.44% 9,865	90.06% 2,873	94.04% 3,596	87.19% 1,028
January 1, to September 5, 2023	88.39%	86.76% 6,456	90.60% 11,449	89.83% 3,419	93.61% 3,928	89.53% 1,993

Comparison Chart: PN NCLEX FTPR by percentage and number

Time Period	National Avg	OH	TX	AZ	NC	WA
Calendar Year 2022	79.93%	74.33% 2,360	87.15% 3,343	89.03% 414	91.24% 823	83.91% 313
Quarter 1 & 2 2023 (Jan thru June)	83.62%	77.04% 1,154	90.89% 1,487	92.51% 210	94.23% 196	88.65% 125
January 1, to September 5, 2023	86.09%	79.71% 1,764	92.44% 2,091	94.03% 331	95.29% 647	91.07% 255

Summary: Rule 4723-5-23, OAC, Program NCLEX Rates

Benchmark: 95% of the national average for calendar year

Year 1: Program self study/review and create action plan

Year 2: Program reviews/revises action plan

Year 3: Board staff conduct survey visit/Full program evaluation

Year 4: Board places program on Provisional approval....

Only first time test candidates testing within 6 months of program completion are factored when determining 95% of national average.

Summary: Rule 4723-5-23, OAC, Program NCLEX Rates

- Year 4: Board places program on Provisional approval.
- Restoration to Full approval requires two subsequent years of FTPR at or above 95% of the nation average FTPR.

Board's Policy Discussion: Set a higher standard

- Why accept a state average FTPR that is below national average?

Action Items

- Staff initiated
- Board/Regulatory initiated

Staff Initiated Actions

- Continue to increase survey frequency of programs with continued low NCLEX FTPRs. Will be contacting these programs.
- Ramp up on-boarding communications with new administrators, increase in administrator turnover.
- Plan for quarterly call-in/ touch-base meetings with all programs to discuss regulatory issues/concerns/respond to questions.
- Include applicable nursing accrediting organization on approved program list.

Regulatory Action, Requires Rule Revision

Revise Rule 4723-5-23, OAC:

Move the benchmark from 95% of the national average of FTPRs to “the national average.”

Add consequences for continued low NCLEX FTPRs.

Regulatory Action, Requires Rule Revision

Revise Rule 4723-5-23, OAC:

- Add consequences and start early for subsequent low NCLEX FTPR

**E.g., “NCLEX Warning” at year 2, and require program to post this warning status on its website.

Regulatory Action, Requires Rule Revision

Revise Rule 4723-5-23, OAC:

- Require a pause in student admission at year 3 below benchmark NCLEX FTPR.

Next Steps

- At its October 26, 2023, meeting the Board's Advisory Group on Nursing Education will review proposed draft revision to Rule 4723-5-23, OAC.

Will include Advisory Group recommendation for consequences for progressive years of low NCLEX and changing the pass rate benchmark.

****Staff recommending removal of subset criteria of graduates attempting NCLEX within 6 months of program completion.**

Next Steps

Look for information from the Education Unit in the future; planning for quarterly call-in meetings and follow up/ focused survey.

All draft proposed revised rules must go through the required and usual vetting processes, including disseminating for public comment, review by Board Advisory Group on Rules, Board review and approval for filing with the Common Sense Initiative, Public Hearing, and then Joint Committee on Agency Rule Rule.

Specific timeline of these processes and actual construct are not known at this time. Goal is to share Board's goals/objectives.

Thank you for your attendance!

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