

# Licensure examination pass rates

**Goal: To exceed the national pass rate**

Kentucky licensure examination pass rates											
Licensure Examination	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	National Pass Rate**	FY10 GOAL
NCLEX-Bachelor's	90%	88%	95%	89%	94%	91%	90%	89%	NA	86%	
NCLEX-Associate	86%	92%	92%	92%	90%	90%	88%	81%	NA	84%	
NCLEX-Practical Nursing	90%	89%	90%	88%	89%	95%	91%	95%	NA	87%	
Physical Therapy	74%*	88%*	82%	83%	67%	83%	89%	91%	90%*	87%	
Engineering	77%*	83%*	85%*	81%*	86%*	74%*	65%*	79%*	79%*	78%	
Kentucky Bar Exam	83%*	81%	78%	76%	69%	72%	85%*	86%*	86%*	NA	Exceed National Pass Rate
National Dental Board Exam	98%*	98%*	NA	96%*	92%*	98%*	99%*	96%*	96%*	94%	
Pharmacy	100%*	100%*	100%*	99%*	100%*	100%*	100%*	99%*	100%*	NA	
Medicine	96%*	91%*	95%*	100%*	94%*	95%*	92%*	96%*	95%*	92%	
Radiologic Technology	87%*	89%*	88%*	85%*	91%*	91%*	95%*	98%*	98%*	89%	
Respiratory Care	75%*	88%*	91%*	81%*	91%*	78%*	86%*	92%*	86%*	80%	

\*The average pass rate for KY publics is used in place of state pass rate.

\*\*The national pass rate reflects the most current year available, which may not match the year of the most recent Kentucky result.

Source: CPE Comprehensive Database and Kentucky licensing boards.

### About the goal:

Kentucky strives to exceed the national licensure examination pass rate on all examinations in any given year.

### About this measure:

The success of college graduates on licensure exams is a strong indication of their readiness for life and work.

### Definition:

Measured by comparisons of Kentucky pass rates on professional licensure examinations to national pass rates.