

CONSUMER INFORMATION

NCLEX-PN LICENSURE RESULTS

YEAR	NUMBER OF FIRST TIME TAKERS	NUMBER OF GRADUATES PASSING	NUMBER OF GRADUATES FAILING	PASS RATE (%)	TOTAL NATIONAL NCLEX-PN TAKERS*
2008	40	38	2	95%	85.6%
2007	37	37	0	100%	87.2%
2006	36	35	1	97.2%	87.9%
2005	36	35	1	97%	88.7%
2004	22	22	0	100%	89.4%
2003	22	18	4	82%	88.2%
2002	28	23	5	82%	86.5%
2001	40	29	11	73%	86.4%

* Statistics from NCSBN website

NOTE – The minimum pass rate for New Jersey through 2004 was 80% for first time takers. The current standard is 75%. The new curriculum was implemented in 2003, with the first graduates included in 2004 results. Curriculum and policy changes since 2001 have contributed to the improvement in NCLEX-PN success.

ACCREDITATION

The Practical Nursing Program at Union County College received accreditation on July 18, 2006, effective through July 2014, from the:

New Jersey Board of Nursing
124 Halsey Street
PO Box 45010
Newark, NJ 07101
(973) 504-6430

Applicants and students may contact the Board of Nursing with inquiries regarding the status or operation of the nursing program.

The program is also accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) from Fall 2006 through Fall 2011.

The NLNAC may be contacted at:

3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 500
Atlanta, Georgia 30326
Phone: (404) 975-5000 Fax: (404) 975-5020
www.nlnac.org

SATISFACTION WITH THE PROGRAM

100% of the graduates from 2004 through 2008 indicated satisfaction with the educational program for Practical Nursing at Union County College, as indicated in survey results.

EMPLOYMENT

Over 90% of the graduates from 2004 to 2008 who desired a position in nursing were able to obtain employment within 6 months following graduation, as indicated in responses to surveys by graduates and in-person or telephone contact. Beginning salaries for Licensed Practical Nurses average around \$35,000 and may start as high as \$40,000, depending on the agency and position. The results of the 2008 national salary survey by *ADVANCE for LPNs* indicate that the average hourly salary in New Jersey is \$23.41 per hour.

GRADUATION RATE

On average, 41.1% of students complete the Practical Nursing program and graduate within 6 semesters from enrollment in the first nursing course.

TUITION AND FEES

The policy of Union County College is payment upon registration. All tuition, fees, and other related costs are to be paid at the Office of Student Accounts on the day that registration takes place. Students are responsible for all costs that are not covered by financial aid. Registrations will be voided for nonpayment. Students should review all of the pertinent policies and procedures related to Student Accounts and Financial Aid (refer to the Union County College Student Handbook).

In addition to the College tuition and fees, nursing students are responsible for additional fees for the following:

- Student Health Fee (PNU 190)
- Criminal Background Check Fee (PNU 190)
- Student Testing Fee (all PNU courses)
- Clinical Lab Fee (all clinical PNU courses)

Students are referred to the Office of Student Accounts for more specific information on College fees.

Based on enrollment in all of the required nursing and general education courses, In-County costs are approximately \$9,000 and Out-of-County costs are \$13,500 for the program.

Students enrolled in the Practical Nursing program are required to complete and/or obtain the following:

- Student Health Record
- CPR for the Healthcare Provider
- Malpractice insurance coverage
- Official student uniform

Completion and acquisition of these requirements is the sole responsibility of the student and is not included in the specified tuition and fee amounts.

ARTICULATION

Graduates are encouraged to continue on with their nursing education after completion of the Practical Nursing Program. There are two programs that, in cooperation with Union County College, offer courses for Registered Nurse Licensure. Students receive an Associate Degree and a Diploma in Nursing. Graduates from these programs have many options available for pursuit of a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing.

Students in the Practical Nursing Program complete 16 general education credits that should be applicable to a LPN to RN program. Practical Nursing course work is generally accepted as a whole for transfer, or credit is received through challenge examinations.

Further information on articulation with RN programs is available in the Counseling Offices and through the Director of the Practical Nursing Program.

DEMOGRAPHICS

As of Spring 2009, the program had the following demographics:

- Asian/Pacific Islander – 15%
- African- & Caribbean American – 48%
- Hispanic/Latino – 14%
- White/Non-Hispanic – 17%
- Other – 6%