



RN Content Mastery Series® 2019 Proficiency Levels

ATI RECOMMENDED CUT SCORES

RN CMS 2019 PROCTORED ASSESSMENTS	CUT SCORES			PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS			
	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	BELOW LEVEL 1 PROFICIENCY	AT LEVEL 1 PROFICIENCY	AT LEVEL 2 PROFICIENCY	AT LEVEL 3 PROFICIENCY
Adult Medical Surgical (90 items)	56.7%	68.9%	82.2%	10.4%	35.7%	44.9%	8.9%
Community Health (50 items)	58.0%	74.0%	84.0%	5.5%	38.1%	40.3%	16.0%
Fundamentals (60 items)	50.0%	65.0%	81.7%	6.7%	37.6%	51.2%	4.6%
Leadership (60 items)	60.0%	76.7%	90.0%	5.4%	49.4%	43.4%	1.8%
Maternal Newborn (60 items)	55.0%	66.7%	81.7%	12.3%	29.8%	46.9%	11.0%
Mental Health (60 items)	56.7%	66.7%	85.0%	11.8%	25.9%	54.0%	8.3%
Nursing Care of Children (60 items)	51.7%	65.0%	78.3%	10.2%	35.2%	42.5%	12.0%
Nutrition (60 items)	48.3%	66.7%	83.3%	8.4%	40.7%	44.7%	6.2%
Pharmacology (60 items)	53.3%	71.7%	86.7%	12.6%	48.6%	35.4%	3.4%

*Percentage of students at each proficiency level are based on the same data as currently reported individual percentile ranks.

RN CONTENT MASTERY SERIES 2019 PROFICIENCY LEVEL DEFINITIONS*

LEVEL 1

Scores meeting the Proficiency Level 1 standard can be considered to meet the absolute minimum expectations for performance in this content area. Scores at this level were judged by the content expert panel to indicate a student as likely to just meet NCLEX-RN® standards in this content area. ATI advises these students to develop and complete a rigorous plan of focused review in order to achieve a firmer grasp of this content.

LEVEL 2

Scores meeting the Proficiency Level 2 standard can be considered to exceed minimum expectations for performance in this content area. Scores at this level were judged by the content expert panel to indicate a student as fairly certain to meet NCLEX-RN standards in this content area. ATI advises these students to engage in continuous focused review in order to improve their knowledge of this content.

LEVEL 3

Scores meeting the Proficiency Level 3 standard can be considered to exceed most expectations for performance in this content area. Scores at this level were judged by the content expert panel to indicate a student as likely to exceed NCLEX-RN standards in this content area. ATI advises these students to engage in continuous focused review to maintain and improve their knowledge of this content.

*Note that these definitions were based on expertise of the nurse educators who participated in the cut score study. No empirical study was conducted relating NCLEX-RN performance to performance on the Content Mastery Series, nor was any study conducted demonstrating a statistical relationship between Content Mastery Series performance and actual job performance. These Proficiency Level definitions were used by cut score study participants for the purpose of making their empirical ratings of item difficulty.