

NURSING PROFESSION FACTS

WHO IS NCSBN?

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing oversees the test that determines who becomes a licensed nurse after graduation.

QUICK LOOK

The NCSBN is an independent, not-for-profit organization that empowers and supports nursing regulators in their mandate to protect the public.

WHAT'S ITS PURPOSE?

To promote public health, safety, and welfare, as well as the development of the RN and PN nursing licensure examinations.

WHO ARE ITS MEMBERS?

Nursing regulatory bodies from around the world:

- 59 U.S. members (State Boards of Nursing)

These nursing regulatory bodies are empowered to license and regulate nursing practice in the U.S. and its territories.

- 27 associate members across the world

These nursing regulatory bodies benefit by gaining access to NCSBN resources.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

The NCSBN oversees the development of the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). The number of your program's graduates who pass this test on their first try impacts your program in multiple ways:

- 1) Accreditation agencies use this statistic to evaluate your program and determine whether it earns & maintains accreditation.
- 2) High NCLEX pass rates attract qualified nursing candidates. (No student wants to spend money on an education that won't lead to passing this crucial test.)
- 3) High pass rates can give you bragging rights and help you earn a spot on your state's "best nursing program" list, compiled by various agencies across the country.