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### Boards

Our Health Regulatory Boards license, certify and/or regulate Health Professionals.



### Apply for License

Recent graduates, professionals licensed outside of Virginia, and those wanting to reinstate licenses.



### Renew License

Professionals who are licensed in Virginia can renew their licenses c



### Practitioner Info

Look up a license, check doctor's profiles, review case decisions.



### File a Complaint

The Department of Health Professions receives complaints about Virginia healthcare practitioners who may have violated a regulation or law.



### Laws and Regulations

Review state laws and regulations that apply to health profess



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### Licensed Nurse Practitioner Autonomous Practice

New autonomous practice law enacted by Governor



### Virginia Core Competencies in Addiction, Pain Management and Opioid Prescribing

Core Competencies in Addiction, Pain Management and Opioid Prescribing sent to VA's schools of Medicine.



### PMP Announces New Access to Opioid Prescription History from Military Hospitals and Clinics

Virginia's Prescription Monitoring Program, or PMP, announces its new ability to share the prescription history of Military Treatment Facility patients.



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Nursing



Psychology

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- [Virginia's Registered Nurse Workforce: 2020](#)
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### Nurse Practitioner Workforce Survey 2020 Reports

- [Virginia's Licensed Nurse Practitioner Workforce: 2020](#)
- [Virginia's Licensed Nurse Practitioner Workforce: Comparison by Specialty](#)

### Certified Nurse Aides Workforce Survey 2020 Reports

- [Virginia's Certified Nurse Aide Workforce: 2020](#)

### Nursing Education Programs in Virginia

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Jul-21 2021 (Wed)	9:00 am	<a href="#">Formal Hearings - Panel A</a> <a href="#">[Agenda]</a>	Board of Nursing
Jul-21 2021 (Wed)	9:00 am	<a href="#">Formal Hearings - Panel B</a> <a href="#">[Agenda]</a>	Board of Nursing
Jul-22 2021 (Thu)	9:00 am	<a href="#">Formal Hearings</a> <a href="#">[Agenda]</a>	Board of Nursing
Jul-26 2021 (Mon)	9:00 am	<a href="#">Informal Conferences - Agency Subordinate</a>	Board of Nursing
Aug-02 2021 (Mon)	9:00 am	<a href="#">Special Conference Committee - D</a> <a href="#">[Agenda]</a>	Board of Nursing

### Stay up to date:

- Meeting dates, times, & location
- Meeting minutes
- Regulatory Actions

<https://www.townhall.virginia.gov/index.cfm>

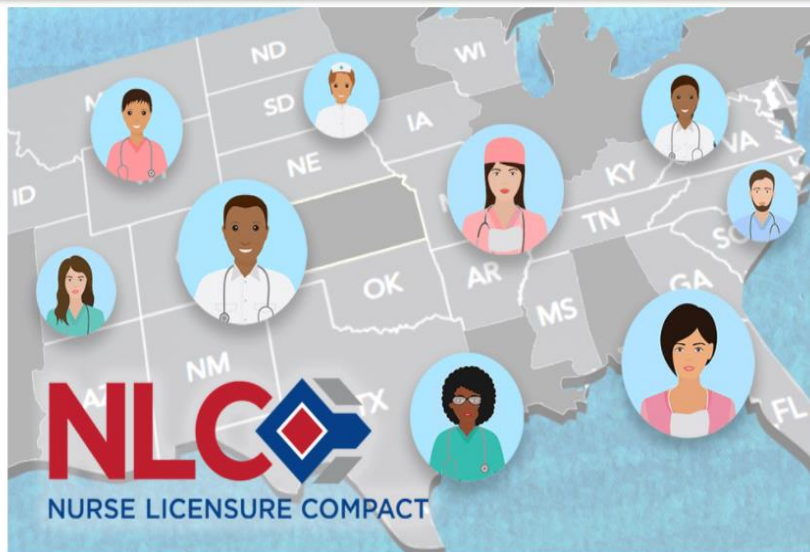


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## Who We Are

The Virginia Board of Nursing consists of a 14-member Board, a 5-member Massage Therapy Advisory Board, as well as administrative, licensing, discipline, education, and support staff.

## What We Do

We regulate Nurses (RN and LPN), Nurse Practitioners including Nurse Anesthetists and Nurse Midwives, Nurse Aides, Advanced Certified Nurse Aides, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Medication Aides and Massage Therapists. We also regulate Prescriptive Authority for Nurse Practitioners. The Board also approves and regulates in-state education programs for Nurses (RN and LPN), Nurse Aides, and Medication Aides.



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### File a Complaint

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### Education and Workforce Information

Considering becoming a Registered Nurse, Practical Nurse, Nurse Aide or Medication Aide? Find out more about education programs in Virginia here.



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## Guidance Documents

The Code of Virginia requires annual publication of lists of guidance documents from state agencies. A guidance document is defined as "...any document developed by a state agency or state that provides information or guidance of general applicability to the staff or public to interpret or implement statutes or the agency's rules or regulations..." Agencies are required to maintain a current list of all guidance documents and make the full text of such documents available to the public.

Copies of the [Guidance Documents](#) may be viewed during regular work days from 8:15 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the offices of the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463. Copies may also be downloaded by clicking on the links below or from the Regulatory Townhall at [www.townhall.virginia.gov](http://www.townhall.virginia.gov) or requested by email at [nurses@dhph.virginia.gov](mailto:nurses@dhph.virginia.gov). Questions regarding implementation of these documents or requests for copies may be directed to Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director of the Board, at the address above or by telephone at (804) 367-4515. Copies are free of charge.

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## Education & Testing

[90-13](#) Application for Initial Approval of Nursing Education Program, *adopted March 22, 2016, revised February 22, 2017*

[90-14](#) Continued Full Approval of Nursing Education Program, *adopted March 22, 2016, revised February 22, 2017*

[90-21](#) Clinical Learning Experience in Nursing Education Programs, *revised February 24, 2017*

[90-22](#) Requests for Accommodations for NCLEX and NNAAP Testing and Medication Aide Examination for Registration, *effective April 3, 2019*

[90-34](#) Board motion on review and challenge of NCLEX, *effective May 16, 2019*



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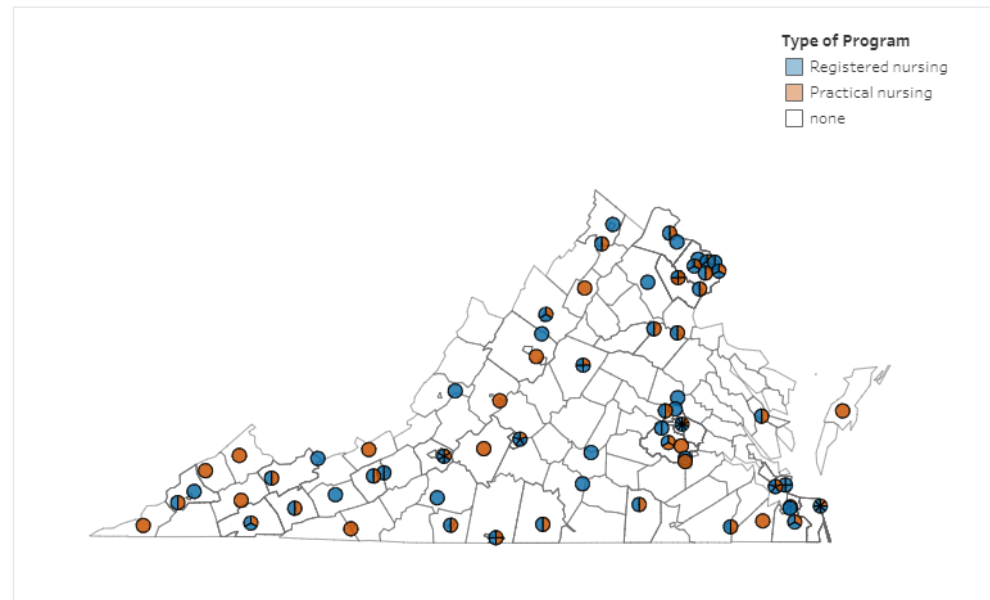
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## Nursing Programs in Virginia





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**N** **Nursys e-Notify** is a **free** notification service that provides automated license status updates.

### Want license expiration and status updates for your nurses? For yourself?

**Institutions:** Enroll your entire nurse list and e-Notify will send regular updates of changes to licenses from [e-Notify participating boards of nursing](#).

**Nurses:** Sign up to receive license expiration reminders and status updates via email or SMS for all your licenses from [e-Notify participating boards of nursing](#).

[h Watch overview video](#)

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**Z** **QuickConfirm License Verification** is a free service to look up and verify nurse licensure information.

### Need to verify a nurse's licensure status?

Look up a license from any [QuickConfirm participating board of nursing](#) and print/download a report with the licensure and discipline status information for that nurse.

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**0** **Nurse License Verification for Endorsement** is an online service for requesting secure electronic verification of licensure between boards of nursing.

### Need to request verification as a requirement for applying in a new state?

Just tell us which license type, RN and/or LPN/VN, and which state you are applying to. In one simple step Nursys will send that board of nursing all of the verifications from all [participating states](#) where you have a record of licensure.

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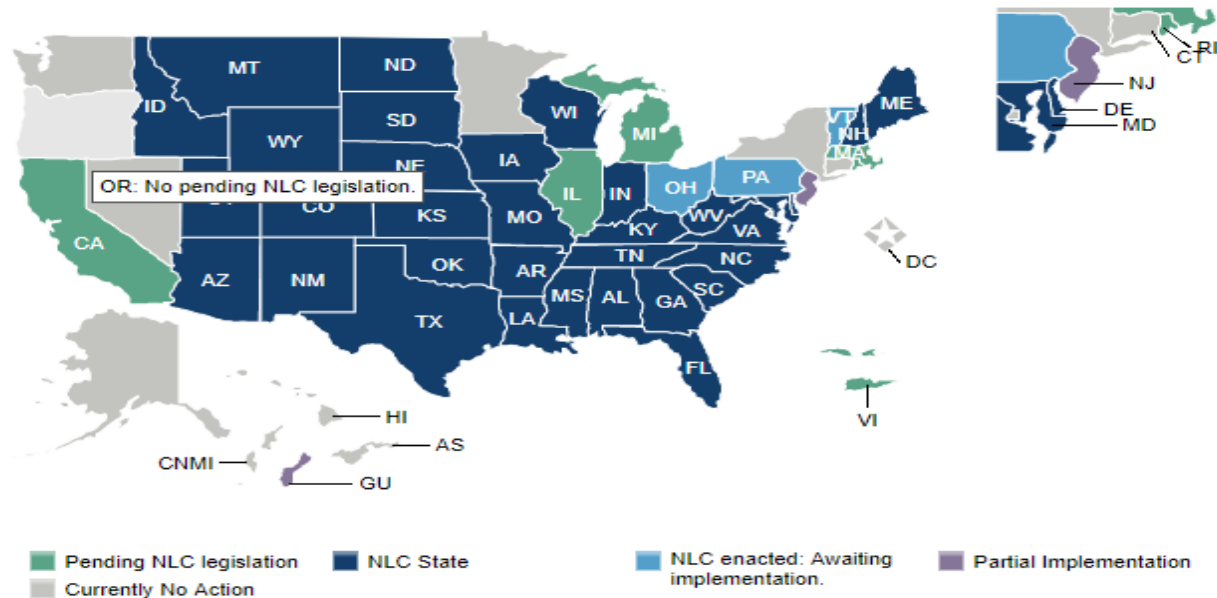
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### Current NLC States and Status



*\*Nurses holding a multistate license in their home state may now utilize that license to practice in New Jersey and Guam.*

*\*Nurses residing in New Jersey will not be able to apply for a multistate license until the 2nd half of 2021. The date is TBD.*

*\*Nurses residing in Guam will not be able to apply for a multistate license until 2022.*



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### Next Generation NCLEX Project >

#### NGN FAQs

##### NGN FAQs for Candidates

##### NGN FAQs for Educators

#### NGN Resources

##### NGN Talks & Videos

Next Generation  
**NCLEX**<sup>®</sup>



### The right decisions come from the right questions

- A new and improved NCLEX exam is coming. The Next Generation NCLEX (NGN) exam asks better questions to help nurses think critically when providing care and make the right decisions.
- NGN is about protecting the public and achieving the best outcomes for clients, nurses and institutions.

<https://www.ncsbn.org/next-generation-nclex.htm>



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### Students

Confidence through NCLEX prep



### New Nurses

Successfully Transition to Practice



### Nurses

Continuing education contact hours



### Faculty

Test development and item writing

#### Assessment of Critical Thinking

*How do I get my nursing students to think critically?*

Learn to design course plans and formulate test questions that evaluate higher level thinking.  
US\$90 | 17.5 Contact Hours | 6-week Subscription

#### Test Development & Item Writing

*How do the NCLEX developers write items?*

Add a new skill set for equipping students now, or to become a NCLEX item writer in the future.  
US\$90 | 15.6 Contact Hours | 6-week Subscription

#### Understanding the NCLEX—A Guide for Nursing Educators

*How can I help my students to pass the NCLEX?*

Engage the history, format, testing method and process of the NCLEX examination in order to empower students for this pinnacle event.

US\$30 | 3.0 Contact Hours | 6-week Subscription View the Catalog for additional details about each course.

Subscription	Cost	RN Suggested Study Plan	PN Suggested Study Plan
3 weeks	\$50	<a href="#">3-week RN</a>	<a href="#">3-week PN</a>
5 weeks	\$70	<a href="#">5-week RN</a>	<a href="#">5-week PN</a>
8 weeks	\$100	<a href="#">8-week RN</a>	<a href="#">8-week PN</a>
15 weeks	\$160	<a href="#">15-week RN</a>	<a href="#">15-week PN</a>



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# **RN AND PN EDUCATION PROGRAMS**



## Clinical – RN and PN Programs

- 18VAC90-27-90: supervised clinical throughout the lifecycle
- 18VAC90-27-100:
  - RN program: minimum 500 hours
  - PN program: minimum 400 hours
  - Observational experiences: do not count as direct client care
  - Use of Simulation



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## RN and PN Clinical Waivers

June 11, 2020

*Amended January 1, 2021*

On March 12, 2020, Governor Northam declared a public health emergency due to novel coronavirus (COVID-19). In the amended declaration, [Executive Order 51 \(2020\)](#), Governor Northam directed state agencies to continue to render appropriate assistance and support to the public to investigate the effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. In doing so, he directed the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as authorized by law, to waive any state requirement or regulation that may be necessary to the effective and efficient operation of the agency, in concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary,

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Board of Nursing by [Executive Order 51 \(2020\)](#), I hereby waive the below Nursing Education Program regulations:

- [18VAC90-27-100\(D\)\(1\)](#) Simulation. For prelicensure registered nursing programs, the total simulated client care hours cannot exceed 125 hours (25% of the required 500 hours). For practical nursing programs, the total of simulated client care hours cannot exceed 125 hours (25% of the required 500 hours).

*Waived for those students who are enrolled in nursing clinical courses, however, shall not exceed 90 days following the expiration of the Executive Order.*



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## Proposed Simulation Regulations

- 18VAC90-27-10. Definitions.
- 18VAC90-27-60. Faculty.
- 18VAC90-27-100. Curriculum for direct client care.

Final Stage ⓘ

Action 5402 / Stage 9270

Documents		
 Final Text	6/1/2021 12:54 pm	
 Agency Background Document	6/1/2021	

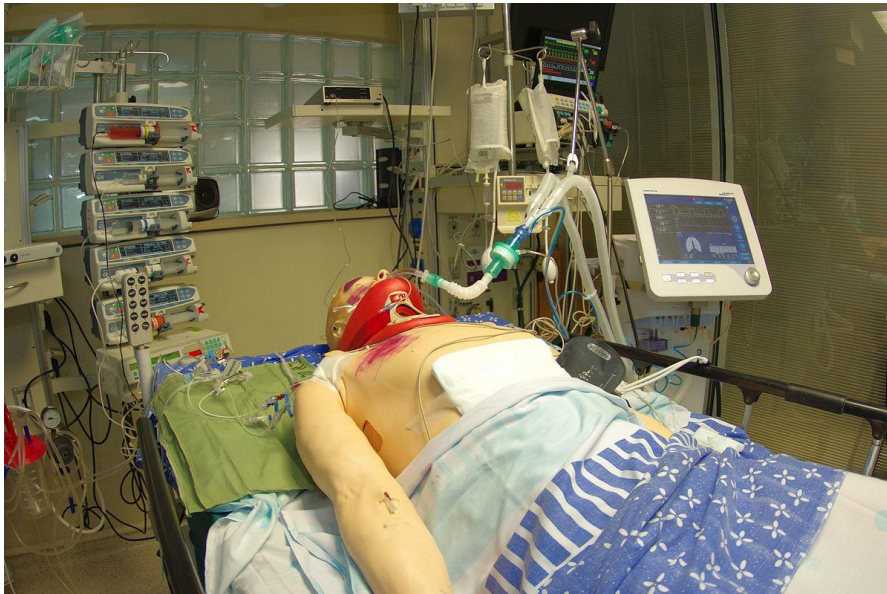
Status	
Changes to Text	No changes have been made to the text since the <a href="#">proposed stage</a> was last published in the Register.
Exempt from APA	No, this stage/action is subject to Article 2 of the <i>Administrative Process Act</i>
DPB Review	Submitted on 6/1/2021 Review Completed: 6/21/2021
Secretary Review	<b>Secretary of Health and Human Resources review in progress.</b> Day 24
Governor's Review	Not yet submitted
Virginia Registrar	Not yet submitted
Comment Period	You may comment on this stage in a Town Hall comment forum as soon as it is published in <i>The Virginia Register of Regulations</i> .  If you sign up for the Town Hall <a href="#">email notification service</a> , you will be notified when the comment forum opens.  The regulatory information regarding this stage is subject to change until 10 days before it is published in the Register.
Effective Date	Not yet determined



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# Simulation

18VAC90-27-100 (D)



- <https://www.ncsbn.org/685.htm>
- <https://www.inacsl.org/>
- <http://virginiasimulationallianceinc.org/>



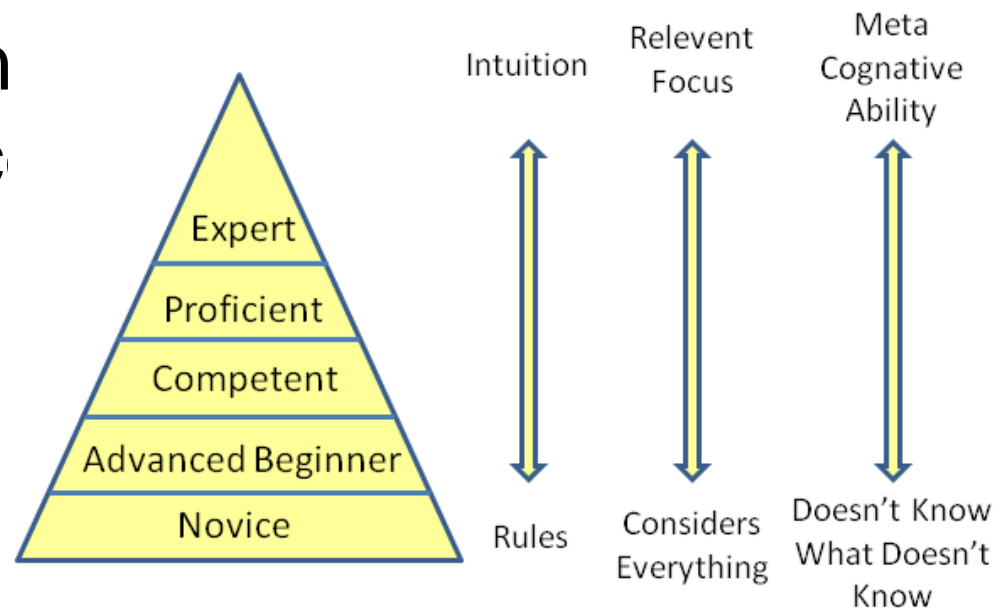
# Application for licensure

- 18VAC90-19-110. Licensure by examination.
- Guidance Documents
  - Criminal Background
    - GD 90-10
    - GD 90-55
  - Accommodations
    - GD 90-22
- <https://www.ncsbn.org/nclex.htm>
- <https://home.pearsonvue.com/test-taker/Pearson-Professional-Center-Tour.aspx>



## Transition to Practice

- Research shows an education to practice gap
- Evaluations form stakeholders





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# **REMINDERS AND UPDATES**



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## Program Changes

(**notify** within 10 days of substantive change)

- 18VAC 90-27-200
  - Change in the program director
  - Change in physical location of the program
  - Change in availability of clinical sites
  - Change in content of curriculum, faculty, or method of delivery that affects 25% or more of the total hours of didactic and clinical instruction.
- 18VAC90-26-20 (B)(4)
  - Instructional personnel
  - Classroom facilities
  - Skills training experience
- 18VAC90-26-40 (C)
  - Curricular changes approved prior to implementation

\*Please note these lists are not all inclusive\*



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## Survey Visits

- Fall 2021 visits have been scheduled
- Almost time to begin scheduling 2022 visits





# Annual Report 2018-2019

- PN Programs:
  - 29% attrition rate
  - 11 programs require students to pass a comprehensive examination before graduation
  - 18% turnover rate, 26% newly appointed
  - 24 full time faculty and 306 part time faculty positions are currently in active recruitment
- RN Programs:
  - 17% attrition rate
  - 9 programs require students to pass a comprehensive examination before graduation
  - 13% turnover rate, 13% newly appointed
  - 86 full-time faculty positions and 43 part time faculty positions are currently in active recruitment



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# NCLEX

Updates that went in to effect October 1, 2020!

	NCLEX RN	NCLEX PN
Pretest Items	15	15
Number of Items	75-145	75-145
Special Research Section	Optional	Optional
Removal of Tutorial	Online Only	Online Only
Testing Time	5 hours	5 hours
Passing Standard	0.0 logit *in effect until March 31, 2022	-0.18 logit *in effect until March 31, 2023

## NCLEX- what else?

- What else?
  - Continued use of Computer Adaptive Testing (CAT)
  - Exam difficulty remains the same
  - October 1 modifications will stay in place until NGN launch
  - NCSBN will continue to keep you informed through their website, FAQs, and educator webinars
  - Due to the removal of the tutorial, it is suggested that you encourage your graduates to watch the [NCLEX tutorial](#) prior to test day.



## Test Plan

- NGN for NCLEX RN will go in effect prior to April 2023. Stay up to date on NGN with [resources](#) on the NCSBN website.
- NCLEX RN test plan will update until April 2023 (previously scheduled for April 2022) due to the impact of COVID-19.
- NCLEX PN test plan will update April 2023.
- [Test plans](#) are available on the NCSBN website



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## NCLEX Pass Rates

NCLEX-PN Pass Rates for 2016-2020

Year	Virginia	National		2020 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter	2020 Year End	2021 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter
2020	79.68%	82.74%	Practical	86.01%	83.08%	80.26%
2019	84.28%	85.63%	Associate	86.53%	82.80%	81.73%
2018	84.15%	85.93%	Baccalaureate	92.83%	90.29%	88.09%
2017	80.50%	83.84%				
2016	78.76%	83.73%				

\*Source: NCSBN NCLEX Year End Report



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## Resources for nursing educators

- NCSBN homepage:
  - <https://www.ncsbn.org/index.htm>
- Simulation Resources:
  - <https://www.ncsbn.org/9535.htm>
- NGN:
  - <https://www.ncsbn.org/next-generation-nclex.htm>
- Navigating COVID-19 resources
  - [https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/media/COVID-19\\_Resources\\_Nursing.pdf](https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/media/COVID-19_Resources_Nursing.pdf)





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