Number of Candidates and Percent Passing of
First-time NCLEX-RN® Candidates Prepared in Iowa Programs for Registered Nurse Licensure

IOWA PROGRAMS

	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	Number	**Percent**	**Number**	**Percent**	**Number**	**Percent**	**Number**	**Percent**	**Number**	**Percent**
Associate Degree Programs										
Des Moines Area Community College	185	79.46%	157	82.17%	180	94.44%	166	96.39%	191	91.10%
Eastern Iowa Community College	110	52.73%	110	62.82%	124	76.61%	98	74.49%	117	70.09%
Hawkeye Community College	41	80.49%	38	94.74%	29	96.55%	52	88.46%	71	59.15%
Indian Hills Community College	28	96.43%	26	96.15%	19	100.00%	20	100.00%	23	100.00%
Iowa Central Community College	74	90.54%	76	89.47%	95	92.63%	79	91.14%	95	83.16%
Iowa Lakes Community College	26	92.31%	14	78.57%	30	100.00%	22	95.45%	32	96.88%
Iowa Valley Community College District	46	76.09%	43	88.37%	46	93.48%	41	97.56%	50	84.00%
Iowa Western Community College	144	64.58%	121	79.34%	102	87.25%	108	88.89%	105	83.81%
Kirkwood Community College	118	97.45%	137	96.35%	133	98.50%	138	97.83%	151	94.70%
Mercy College of Health Sciences (ASN)	35	65.71%	37	62.16%	38	76.32%	40	82.50%	22	81.82%
North Iowa Area Community College	47	93.62%	49	89.80%	47	95.74%	35	100.00%	40	90.00%
Northeast Iowa Community College	90	92.22%	93	87.10%	68	98.53%	73	98.63%	63	98.41%
Northwest Iowa Community College	38	81.58%	29	82.76%	35	94.29%	39	92.31%	35	91.43%
Purdue University Global	46	88.57%	27	77.78%	25	84.00%	65	96.43%	83	77.11%
Southeastern Community College	63	87.30%	49	87.76%	57	96.49%	51	90.20%	55	92.73%
Southwestern Community College	41	78.05%	43	93.02%	43	97.67%	33	90.91%	33	93.94%
St. Luke's College	37	75.68%	33	48.48%	29	79.31%	35	94.29%	28	78.57%
Western Iowa Tech Community College	84	79.76%	88	81.82%	87	89.66%	85	91.76%	80	87.50%
Baccalaureate Programs										
Allen College	121	98.35%	117	98.29%	98	92.86%	104	99.04%	94	94.68%
Briar Cliff University	16	68.75%	12	66.67%	6	100.00%	8	100.00%	6	83.33%
Clarke University	24	83.33%	16	81.25%	16	93.75%	20	85.00%	12	91.67%
Coe College	23	100%	21	95.24%	18	100.00%	18	88.89%	15	80.00%
Dordt University	18	77.78%	17	100%	26	96.15%	19	100.00%	23	69.57%
Drake University (ABSN)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	18	72.22%
Graceland University	1	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	100.00%	2	100.00%
Grand View University	45	68.89%	32	75%	39	87.18%	32	87.50%	36	86.11%
Iowa Wesleyan University	6	66.67%	7	85.71%	3	100.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Luther College	40	92.50%	40	95%	30	90.00%	47	89.36%	33	96.97%
Mercy College of Health Sciences (BSN)	243	78.19%	277	68.59%	252	82.54%	246	91.87%	210	88.10%
Morningside University	26	80.77%	17	94.12%	28	96.43%	14	92.86%	19	89.47%
Mount Mercy University	73	94.52%	79	91.14%	62	95.16%	66	98.48%	72	95.83%
Northwestern College	14	100%	17	94.12%	15	93.33%	22	95.45%	25	100.00%
St. Ambrose University	85	71.76%	69	71.01%	84	88.10%	101	89.11	64	84.38%
St. Luke's College (ABSN)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5	100.00%	4	100.00%
University of Dubuque	28	100%	16	81.25%	19	100.00%	16	100.00%	19	89.47%
University of Iowa	147	96.60%	149	90.60%	156	91.67%	157	96.18%	156	94.23%
William Penn University	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8	75.00%	20	80.00%	18	50.00%
Masters Entry into Practice Programs										
University of Iowa	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15	93.33%	22	95.45%

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