

Success You Can Measure

The recent graduates of Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing have distinguished themselves, much to the delight of the faculty! Every student in the last six graduating classes has passed the NCLEX-RN (National Council Licensure Examination) on their first attempt.

The rigorous, standardized exam is used by each state board of nursing to determine whether or not a candidate is prepared for entry level nursing practice. The National Council of State Boards of Nursing employs psychometricians and statisticians to monitor the psychometric quality of the NCLEX examinations to ensure that the test is reliable, valid and meets all other aspects of data integrity.

It is administered via Computer Adaptive Testing and includes a variety of response styles, including multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, etc. and includes charts, exhibits, tables, and graphic images. Each question is scored as right or wrong and each student's test is unique.

"Several years ago, the College wisely included a capstone review course as part of its curriculum," said Melanie Green, PhD, RN, CNE, Vice-President and Provost of Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing. "Since the NCLEX is a comprehensive exam covering material our students may not have studied in depth since their first year of nursing school, we incorporated an NCLEX Review class in our students' last semester." Since its inception and with the regular use of standardized exams as review tools throughout the curriculum, scores have improved.

Even so, with national average first-attempt passing scores of 88% for 2010*, Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing's rate of 100% is highly commendable and sets it apart from the competition. As Dr. Green summed it up, "Our students' overwhelming and consistent success on the NCLEX further demonstrates our commitment to offering a "World Class" nursing education!"

*National Council of State Boards of Nursing
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