

The University of Southern Mississippi
Student Achievement: Licensure Exam Pass Rates – Graduate and Undergraduate Programs

Program	Exam	Year	# of Program Graduates	# Passed	% Passed	Floor	Floor Rationale	Goal	Goal Rational	Required for Practice
Nursing BSN	Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX – RN)	2023	154	154	100%	80%	Based on the standards set by state and national-level accrediting bodies of nursing programs.	95%	Faculty, in consult with the SSLC, determine based on historical data and program's aspirational goal.	Required
		2022	134	125	93%	80%		95%		
		2021	201	174	87%	80%		95%		
		2020	145	135	93%	80%		95%		
		2019	154	152	99%	80%		95%		

Note: The data above are reported in compliance with the accreditation guidelines of the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education and the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning Nursing Education. The number of program graduates is represented of Nursing BSN students that graduated in the spring and fall semester of each calendar year from both USM's Hattiesburg and Gulf Park campuses that took and passed the exam. The last graduating class from USM's Gulf Park campus was in the spring of 2021.

Program	Exam	Year	# of Test Takers	# Passed	% Passed	Floor	Floor Rationale	Goal	Goal Rationale	Required for Practice
Nursing (Nurse Anesthesia) DNP	National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA) National Certification Exam (NCE)	2023	19	19	100%	80%	Set by accrediting body, NBCRNA	90%	Faculty, in consult with the SSLC, determine based on historical data and program's aspirational goal.	Required
		2022	19	19	100%	80%		90%		
		2021	29	24	83%	80%		90%		
		2020	26	21	81%	80%		90%		
		2019	20	20	100%	80%		90%		

Note: The data above are reported in compliance with the accreditation guidelines of the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists. Students in the Nursing (Nurse Anesthesia) DNP program graduate in December of each year. The # of test takers includes program graduates from the year they graduated and graduates from the previous year that re-tested and passed. In 2016, ten (10) graduates from 2015 were re-tested and passed, and in 2017, one (1) graduate from 2016 was re-tested and passed.

Speech and Hearing Sciences (Speech-Language Pathology) MS	PRAXIS II (Speech-Language Pathology)	2023	22	20	91	80%	Based on Speech-Language Pathology accreditation standards.	100%	Faculty, in consult with the SSLC, determine based on historical data and program's aspirational goal.	Required
		2022	25	25	100%	80%		100%		
		2021	22	20	92%	95%		100%		
		2020	24	24	100%	95%		100%		
		2019	23	23	100%	95%		100%		

Note: The data above is reported on a calendar year cycle. For the Speech and Hearing Sciences (Speech-Language Pathology) MS degree program, the number of test takers is representative of program graduates in the spring and fall semesters of each calendar year (i.e., 2019 is spring 2019 and fall 2019). Starting in 2021, Speech and Hearing Sciences (Speech-Language Pathology) MS program students will graduate in the spring semester only.

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Audiology AuD	PRAXIS II (Audiology)	2023-24	8	7	88%	80%	Faculty, in consultation with the SSLC, set the minimum threshold based on historical data.	100%	Faculty, in consult with the SSLC, determine based on historical data and program's aspirational goal.	Required
		2022-23	8	7	88%	95%		100%		
		2021-22	10	8	80%	95%		100%		
		2020-21	5	5	100%	95%		100%		
		2019-20	7	7	100%	95%		100%		

Note: Graduates of the Audiology AuD program graduate in the spring semester of each year. The data above is reported/updated annually.