

Monitoring of Graduate Achievement via the National Certification Examination

Policy

Clarkson College Nurse Anesthesia Program believes that one important measure of program quality is the ability of graduates to pass the National Certification Examination (NCE) administered by the National Board on the Certification and Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA). The program's preferred pass rate is for every graduate to pass the NCE on their first try. The program's mandatory first-time pass rate is 80 percent calculated by one of three methods used by the COA to calculate the NCE pass rate:

1. The number of graduates in the most recent graduation cohort who passed the NCE on the first attempt.
2. The number of graduates in the three most recent graduation cohorts who passed the NCE on their first attempt.
3. The number of graduates in the most recent graduation cohort who passed the NCE on their attempt, plus the number of graduates who passed the NCE on their second attempt within 60 days of program completion.

A cohort is defined as all graduates of a program who took the NCE within four months of program completion and any first-time takers from previous cohorts who sat for the NCE during the period following the calculation of the program's certification pass rate for the previous year.

Required examination fees are paid by the graduate.

See COA Accreditation Policy and Procedure: Certification Examination C4

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