

## Department of Education

To attain professional teacher licensure, all teacher candidates must ultimately take and pass the content area Praxis II exam for their area(s) of licensure. The Professional Education Unit Council (PEUC), which governs the teacher education program, has the responsibility to ensure that all specialization areas offered in the teacher education program are created and maintained in such a way that teacher candidates can meet with success while attending the university as well as in the classroom after graduation. The results of the Praxis II tests are just one way that the PEUC can measure program effectiveness and make programmatic changes as needed.

### Praxis II Scores

Specialization Area	2012-2013 Pass Rate	2013-2014 Pass Rate	2014-2015 Pass Rate
Art Content Knowledge	80%	NA	75%
Early Education	100%	100%	100%
Elementary Education Multi Subject Mathematics	NA	85%	71%
Elementary Education Multi Subject Language Arts	NA	100%	92%
Elementary Education Multi Subject Science	NA	97%	75%
Elementary Education Multi Subject Social Studies	NA	88%	84%
Elementary Education Curr. Instruc. Assess.	100%	NA	NA
English Language Literature Content Knowledge	100%	100%	100%
Family and Consumer Sciences	100%	NA	100%
Health Education	78%	100%	92%
Mathematics Content Knowledge	NA	100%	80%
Music Content Knowledge	80%	100%	100%
Physical Education Content Knowledge	91%	100%	100%
Principals of Teaching and Learning K-6	100%	100%	98%
Principals of Teaching and Learning 7-12	97%	98%	96%
Social Studies Content Knowledge	100%	100%	91%
General Science Content Knowledge	0% (One student)	NA	100%
Special Education	NA	75%	100%
Teaching Reading – Elem Ed	NA	91%	95%

## Department of Nursing Education

### NCLEX-RN Pass Rates

The NCLEX-RN pass rate represents first-time test takers who took the examination in a given year, regardless of their graduation date as reported by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). The data are compared to state and national trends. The West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses (WVBORN) requires nursing programs to have a first-time NCLEX-RN pass rate of 80%. If the pass rate is not achieved, the WBORN requires submission of a program improvement plan. NCLEX success has remained relatively stable in the low to mid 80s.

As shown in the table below, NCLEX-RN first-time Pass Rate for Shepherd's Department of Nursing Education was consistently above the 80% benchmark for the most recent calendar years. These percentages were above the DNE and WVBOERN benchmark (>80%).

### NCLEX-RN First Time Pass Rates

Year	Expected Outcome	SU Pass Rate	WV Pass Rate	National Rate
2012	80%	82% (60 students)	88.87%	90.34%
2013	80%	86.89% (61 students)	81.64%	83.04%
2014	80%	83.56% (73 students)	80.00%	81.79%
2015	80%	84.5% (71 students)	Not available	Not available

## Department of Social Work

The Association of Social Work Board does not set a minimum pass rate for the exam; that is determined by each state. The West Virginia Board of Social Work Examiners has a minimum pass rate of 80%. The Shepherd social work pass rate (other than 2004) has always exceeded the state minimum pass rate and the national pass rate averages. For 2014 the national pass rate average was 71%.

Year	Expected Outcome	SU Pass Rate
2012	80%	82.00% (8 students)
2013	80%	86.89% (9 students)

2014	80%	92% (12 students)
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Due to the confidentiality requirements of The Association of Social Work Board, Shepherd is not able to provide a comparison of Shepherd's pass rate to other social work programs. It may be noted, however, that the Shepherd social work pass rate significantly surpasses the national average.