

Perfect: 1st ASU BSN Students Pass State Exam

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One hundred percent of the first graduates from the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from Appalachian State University passed the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). In addition, 100 percent of these students who were admitted to the College of Health Sciences Department of Nursing program in 2010 graduated in May and passed the exam on their first attempt. These newly licensed BSN/RNs have all begun their careers in locations including Appalachian Regional Healthcare System, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Duke University Medical Center, Catawba Valley Medical Center, Frye Regional Medical Center, Caldwell Memorial Hospital, Mission Health and Carolinas Medical Center. Dr. Linda Johanson, interim chair of the nursing department, said the licensure exam pass rate is an important benchmark for any nursing program. "All nursing programs look at the first-time pass rate as a standard of excellence for their program," she said. "It means that the students who take and pass with a high pass rate are qualified as being competent regarding the content in nursing that is relevant into entry into the practice. It's an excellent statistic to have. We are delighted and proud of our students."