

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs

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SUBJECT: Licensure and Certification Report

The annual Licensure and Certification Report is provided in Attachment I. The examinations included in this report are those that must be passed before a person may be fully licensed or certified to engage in the occupation or profession. Optional examinations are not included.

Students in the following programs achieved a 100% pass rate on the test for which the latest information is available.

<u>University</u>	<u>Program</u>
USD	Audiology
USD	Clinical Psychology
USD	Dental Hygiene
SDSU	Doctor of Nursing Practice / Family Nurse Practitioner
SDSU	Doctor of Nursing Practice / Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
USD	Physical Therapy
DSU	Respiratory Care

RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Information only.

South Dakota Board of Regents Performance of University Graduates on Licensure and Certification Examinations

This report provides the Board of Regents with information concerning the performance of university graduates on mandatory professional licensure and certification examinations. Graduates have an excellent record of success on these examinations.

1. Examinations Included

The examinations included in this report are those that must be passed before a person may be fully licensed or certified to engage in the occupation or profession. Optional examinations are not included. Some examinations, such as Fundamentals of Engineering or CPA, are not included because graduates are not required to take them in order to practice.

2. Limitations

Licensure and certification examinations cover material related to the specific occupation or profession. These examinations do not provide information about how well students perform in general education courses or in courses outside of the examination field.

3. Format

The programs are listed alphabetically. The data are provided by year for five years or for available years.

Each table shows the number of graduates who took the examination, the number who passed the examination, and the pass rate (percentage). Additional information for some programs, such as national pass rates, or mean scores is available for some programs. Where available, this information is provided.

4. Programs Included

- A. Athletic Training (SDSU)
- B. Audiology (USD)
- C. Clinical Psychology (USD)
- D. Dental Hygiene (USD)
- E. Dietetics (SDSU)
- F. Law (USD)
- G. Medicine (USD)
- H. Nursing
 - 1. SDSU
 - 2. USD
- I. Occupational Therapy (USD)
- J. Pharmacy (SDSU)
- K. Physical Therapy (USD)
- L. Physician Assistant Studies (USD)
- M. Respiratory Care (DSU)
- N. Social Work (USD)
- O. Speech/Language Pathology (USD)

Program: Athletic Training
 University: South Dakota State University
 Degree: Bachelor of Science
 Examination Title: Athletic Trainer's Certification Examination
 Organization/Agency: Board of Certification (BOC)

Year	Month Taken	Number of Writers	Number Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed
2001					
	Written	18	11	61.11%	63.87%
	Practical	18	8	44.44%	73.78%
	Simulation	18	14	77.78%	64.83%
2002					
	Written	12	7	58.83%	67%
	Practical	12	9	75%	74.53%
	Simulation	12	8	66.67%	61.12%
2003					
	Written	12	7	63.64%	65.39%
	Practical	11	9	81.82%	64.89%
	Simulation	11	10	90.91%	65.14%
2004					
	Written	11	6	54.55%	67.32%
	Practical	8	5	62.50%	72.57%
	Simulation	11	8	72.73%	67.16%
2005					
	Written	12	4	33.33%	46.76%
	Practical	13	7	53.85%	55.63%
	Simulation	12	7	58.33%	61.04%
2006					
	Written	11	6	54.55%	48.45%
	Practical	12	11	91.67%	76.28%
	Simulation	11	9	81.82%	72.76%
2007					
	Apr07 – Feb08	15	7	46.7%	39.1%
2008					
	Apr08 – Feb09	20	17	86%	51.5%
2009					
	April09 – Feb10	9	7	78%	43%
2010					
	April10- Feb11	9	6	67%	60.7%
2011					
	April 11 – Feb 12	17	16	94.1	82.3
2012					
	Undergraduate				
	April 12 – Feb 13	13	13	100%	86%
	Graduate				
	April 12 – Feb 13	2	2	100%	86%
	Undergraduate	19	18	94.7	86
	Graduate	3	3	100	86
2014-15					
	Undergraduate	13	11	84.62%	83.93%
	Graduate	5	5	100%	83.63%

Program: Audiology
 University: University of South Dakota
 Degree: Au.D.
 Examination Title: National Teachers Exam, Audiology Section
 Organization/Agency: American Speech and Hearing Association

Year	Number of Writers	Number Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed
2009*	2	2	100%	N/A
2010	5	5	100%	N/A
2011	4	4	100%	89.4%
2012	2**	2	100%	56.7%
2013	4	4	100%	58.2%
2014	4	4	100%	63.3%
2015	4	4	100%	Not yet available
2009-2015	25	25	100%	N/A

(Note: national rates are not available until the following year)

* Due to the launch of the 4-year Au.D. program, there was a transition period during which there were fewer test takers.

***2012 was another atypical year. We had admitted four students (rather than five) in fall of 2008 due to faculty shortage/opening and inability to provide in-depth supervision to a fifth student at that time. One of these students changed to the SLP master's program and completed that program. A second student was unable to meet retention requirements and subsequently left the program. Therefore, we had only two graduates in 2012. Currently, however, we have full cohorts, and will be again graduating 4-5 students per year for the foreseeable future.

Date: October 15, 2015
 Program: Clinical Psychology
 University: University of South Dakota
 Degree: Ph.D.
 Examination Title: Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology
 Organization/Agency: Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards

Year	# of Graduates	# of Writers ^a	# Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed ^b
2009	7	6	6	100.00%	N/A
2010	8	8	8	100.00%	N/A
2011	8	8	8	100.00%	N/A
2012	9	8	8	100.00%	N/A
2013	5	4	4	100.00%	N/A
2014	6	4	4	100.00%	NA
2015	7	1	1	100.00%	NA
2009-2015	50	39	39	100.00%	N/A

^a Not all of our graduates take the national exam unless required by their employment site (for example, academic appointments do not typically require licensure). Most states require one or two years of post-doctoral supervised experience prior to sitting for the exam. USD graduates take the national exam in the state in which they plan to practice. The national examination (Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology, EPPP) is administered through the licensing boards of those states. Each state sets its own acceptable "cut off" scores. Nearly all states also require an oral exam and/or a written jurisprudence exam in addition to the national written exam.

^b National pass rates for graduates from accredited PhD Clinical Psychology Programs are not available annually. The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB, who develops/owns the EPPP) provides a five year summary of pass rate for doctoral candidates (all practice specialties in the US and Canada; first time and repeaters). Nationally, the pass rate for candidates taking the EPPP between August 2007-July 2012, was 76.40%.

2009 One graduate has chosen not to take the exam because it is not required for current employment.
 2012 One student still plans to take the exam in 2015
 2013 One student plans to take in summer 2016
 2014 One graduate passed the exam in 2013, two passed in 2014 and 1 passed in 2015. One student plans to take exam in December 2015; one does not plan to take as it is not required for current employment.
 2015 One student passed in 2015. Five students plan to take within the next year; One student will not take for about 7 years as she is out of the country.

Program: Dental Hygiene
 University: University of South Dakota
 Degree: B.S.
 Examination Title: National Board of Dental Hygiene Examination
 Organization/Agency: American Dental Association

Year	Month Taken	Number of Writers	Number Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed
2009	03	26 (written exam)	26	100%	97.1%
2009	03	6 (computer-based)	6	100%	92.9%
2010	04	30 computer-based	30	100%	96.1%
2011	04	30	30	100%	94.8%
2012	04	31	31	100%	96.0%
2013	04	30	30	100%	95.2%
2014	04	30	30	100%	95.5%
2015	04	32	32	100%	NA*
2009-2015		215	215	100%	

*National % Passed Rate is not yet available for the current year.

Program: Didactic Program in Dietetics
 University: South Dakota State University
 Degree: Bachelor of Science Dietetics
 Examination Title: National Examination for Registered Dietitian Licensure
 Organization/Agency: Commission on Dietetics Registration\Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (Formerly the American Dietetic Association)

Year	Number of Writers	Number Passed 1 st time	# Passed within 1 st year	% Total Writers Passing First Time-5 year rate ^a	% Passing within the First year ^b
2001-2005	41	34		83%	
2002-2006	41	36		88%	
2003-2007	43	38		88%	
2004-2008	43	37		86%	
2005-2009	40	32		80%	
2006-2010	41	34		83%	
2007-2011	46	35		76%	94%
2008	10	8			
2009	10	7			
2010	10	10			
2011	10	6			90%
2012	13	12			92%
2008-2012 ^a	53	41		81%	
2009-2013	59	51		86	98
2014	21	18	19		90.5

^aThese percentages are cumulative first-time pass rates for the specified 5-year periods. Accreditation benchmarks are on the cumulative 5-year pass rate, not the individual years. Accreditation standards are 80% first time pass rate.

^bSecond benchmark standards benchmark is % passing within the first year of eligibility and irrespective of repeat status.

Note: The program at SDSU is a Didactic Program in Dietetics and students must apply and be accepted into an accredited Dietetic Internship before taking the registration examination. These pass rates listed above are after the student has completed an accredited dietetic internship from another institution. There are no national pass rates published specific to Didactic Program in Dietetics. The national pass rate for individuals who completed a dietetic Internship, July 2013 – Dec 2013 = 80%.

Program: Law
 University: University of South Dakota
 Degree: J.D.
 Examination Title: South Dakota Bar Examination
 Organization/Agency: South Dakota Board of Bar Examiners

Year	Month Taken	Number of Writers	Number Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed *
2009	Feb-1 st time	5	5	100.00%	N/A
	Feb Retesters	4	1	25.00%	N/A
	July-1 st time	53	51	96.23%	N/A
	July Retesters	2	2	100.00%	N/A
2010	Feb-1 st time	4	3	75.00%	N/A
	Feb Retesters	1	0	00.00%	N/A
	July-1 st time	46	46	100.00%	N/A
	July Retesters	2	1	50.00%	N/A
2011	Feb-1 st time	5	4	80.00%	N/A
	Feb Retesters	0	0	00.00%	N/A
	July-1 st time	35	32	91.43%	N/A
	July Retesters	0	0	00.00%	N/A
2012	Feb-1 st time	1	1	100.00%	N/A
	Feb Retesters	4	1	25.00%	N/A
	July-1 st time	56	47	83.93%	N/A
	July Retesters	2	0	00.00%	N/A
2013	Feb-1 st time	3	2	66.67%	N/A
	Feb Retesters	11	8	72.73%	N/A
	July-1 st time	40	39	97.50%	N/A
	July Retesters	3	2	66.67%	N/A
2014	Feb-1 st time	4	3	75.00%	N/A
	Feb Retesters	3	2	66.67%	N/A
	July-1 st time	53	40	75.47%	N/A
	July Retesters	1	0	00.00%	N/A
2015**	Feb-1 st time	3	1	33.33%	N/A
	Feb Retesters	9	1	11.11%	N/A
	July-1 st time	35	22	62.86%	N/A
	July Retesters	8	4	50.00%	N/A
2009-2015	Feb-1 st time	25	19	76.00%	N/A
	Feb Retesters	32	13	40.63%	N/A
	July-1 st time	318	277	87.11%	N/A
	July Retesters	18	9	50.00%	N/A

The ABA and National Conference of Bar Examiners report first-time takers separately.

* Each state establishes its own passing score so pass rates are not directly comparable across the states.

**Addendum: Please note that beginning in February 2015, there were changes in the composition of the exam, as well as the manner in which the South Dakota Board of Bar Examiners graded the test.

- The National Conference of Bar Examiners added a new subject – Civil Procedure – to both the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) portion of the test (this is the multiple choice section of the exam) and the Multistate Essay Examination (MEE) (this is the section comprised of the subject-matter essays). Programmatic changes to address the additional subject matter were not fully implemented for this cohort.

The South Dakota Bar Examination is comprised of two sections: the MBE and the combined MEE/Multistate Performance Test (MPT)/Indian Law question (the last of which is specific to South Dakota). Prior to 2015, the Board of Bar Examiners weighed both sections of the exam equally and combined the MBE and combined essay scores in order to produce a final scaled score. As of February 2015, takers must now receive a separate minimum passing score on both parts of the exam in order to pass the entire test. This form of grading puts South Dakota out of step with the overwhelming majority of jurisdictions in the United States: the only ones which do *not* combine scores are Kentucky, South Carolina, South Dakota, and the Territory of Palau. Of these four jurisdictions, South Dakota's standard is the most stringent.

Program: Medicine (updated 10/20/2015 by P.Bunger)
 University: University of South Dakota
 Degree: M.D.
 Examination Title: Step 1: United States Medical Licensing Examination
 Step 2-CK: United States Medical Licensing Examination
 Organization/Agency: National Board of Medical Examiners

Graduation Year	Step	Number of Writers	Number Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed
2009	1	46	43	93%	94%
Retesters		2	2	100%	75%
	2-CK	48	47	98%	96%
Retesters		1	1	100%	88%
2010	1	52	43	83%	93%
Retesters		9	7	78%	68%
	2-CK	48	47	98%	97%
Retesters		1	1	100%	85%
2011	1	49	46	94%	93%
Retesters		3	3	100%	77%
	2-CK	50	49	98%	97%
Retesters		0	--	--	88%
2012	1	54	49	91%	91%
Retesters		5	4	80%	74%
	2-CK	51	50	98%	98%
Retesters		1	1	100%	87%
2013	1	54	53	98%	94%
Retesters	1	0	--	--	79%
	2-CK	51	51	100%	98%
Retesters	0	--	--	--	88%
2014	1	53	52	98%	95%
Retesters		0	0	--	73%
	2-CK	61	60	98%	97%
Retesters		1	1	100%	85%
2015	1	50	48	96%	96%
Retesters		2	2	100%	80%
	2-CK	53	49	92%	95%
Retesters		3	2	67%	81%
2016	1	60	55	92%	96%
Retesters		5	2	40%	78%
	2-CK*				%
Retesters					%
2009-2016	1	418	389	93%	94%
Retesters		26	20	77%	76%
2009-2015	2-CK*	362	353	98%	97%
Retesters		7	6	86%	86%

* Step 2-CK data is only available through 2015 graduating class.

Reporting year is by class (graduation year) rather than the date of the examination.

NOTE: All graduates with the MD degree must successfully pass the Step 1 and Step 2-CK (Clinical Knowledge) examinations prior to graduation. The Step 1 examination is taken following the second year of medical school and must be passed prior to entering the fourth year of medical school. The Step 2-CK examination is taken during the fourth year of medical school.

Program: Nursing
 University: South Dakota State University
 Degree: Bachelor of Science in Nursing
 Examination Title: National Council Licensure Examination of Registered Nurses
 Organization/Agency: Board of Nursing

Year	Month Taken	Number of Writers	Number Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed *	State % Passed
1996	7/1/95 - 6/30/96	120	109	91%	91%	
1997	7/1/96 – 6/30/97	127	116	91%	91%	
1998	7/1/97 – 6/30/98	130	116	89%	88%	
1999	7/1/98 - 6/30/99	105	92	88%	88%	
2000	7/1/99 – 6/30/00	138	107	77.5%	84%	
2001	7/1/00-6/30/01	123	115	94%	84%	
2002	7/1/01-6/30/02	114	105	92%	89%	
2003	10/1/02-12/31/03	164	153	93%	87%	
2004+	1/1/03-12/31/04	133	121	91%	89%	
2005	1/1/05-12/31/05	185	157	85%	87%	
2006	1/1/06 – 12/31/06	203	171	84%	88%	
2007	1/1/07-12/31/07	214	196	92%	85%	81%
2008	01/01/08-12/31/08	232	216	93%	87%	89%
2009	01/01/09-12/31/09	250	233	93%	88%	90%
2010	01/01/10-12/31/10	227	206	91%	87%	84%
2011	01/01/11-12-31-11	233	218	94%	88%	89%
2012	01/01/12-12/31/12	299	282	94%	84%	90%
2013	01/01/13-12/31/13	281	260	93%	83%	84%
2014	01/01/14-12/31/14	275	240	87%	82%	85%
2005-2014		2399	2179	91%		

NOTE: +The South Dakota Board of Nursing reporting date changed in 2004 to the calendar year. Data from the 2007 Annual Report from the South Dakota Board of Nursing, p.33.

*% Passed: Percent passing of all 1st-time NCLEX takers among graduates from SDSU, all SD programs, and all member board jurisdictions (includes both associate and baccalaureate candidates).

Program: Nursing
 University: South Dakota State University
 Degree: Master of Science Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Specialization
 Examination Title: National Certification Exam for Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
 Organization/Agency: The National Certification Corporation

Year	Month Taken	Number of Writers	Number Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed *
2006	01/01/06-12/31/06	2	1	50%	NA
	Retakes	1	1	100%	
2007	01/01/07-12/31/07	1	1	100%	NA
2008	01/01/08-12/31/08	0	0	0	NA
2009	01/01/09-12/31/09	0	0	0	NA
2010	01/01/10-12/31/10	1	1	100%	NA
2011	01/01/11-12/31/11	1	1	100%	NA
2012	01/01/12-12/31/12	0	0	0	NA
2013	01/01/13-12/31/13	0	0	0	NA

*This program changed to a DNP in 2009. There will be no new data under the MS category for this specialty.

Program: Nursing
 University: South Dakota State University
 Degree: Doctor of Nursing Practice Family Nurse Practitioner Specialization
 Examination Title: National Certification Exam for Family Nurse Practitioner
 Organization/Agency: American Academy of Nurse Practitioners

Year	Month Taken	Number of Writers	Number Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed *
2013	01/01//13-12/31/13	7	7	100%	82%
2014	01/01/14-12/31/14	13	13	100%	86%
2015	01/01/15-12/31/15	20	20	100%	TBD

Program: Nursing
 University: South Dakota State University
 Degree: Doctor of Nursing Practice Family Nurse Practitioner Specialization
 Examination Title: National Certification Exam for Family Nurse Practitioner
 Organization/Agency: American Nurses Credentialing Center

Year	Month Taken	Number of Writers	Number Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed
2013	01/01/13-12/31/13	0	0	N/A	N/A
2014	01/01/14-12/31/14	0	0	N/A	N/A
2015	01/01/15-12/31/15	0	0	N/A	N/A

Program: Nursing
 University: South Dakota State University
 Degree: Doctor of Nursing Practice Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Specialization
 Examination Title: National Certification Exam for Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Specialization
 Organization/Agency: The National Certification Corporation

Year	Month Taken	Number of Writers	Number Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed
2013	01/01/13-12/31/13	0	0	N/A	N/A
2014	01/01/14-12/31/14	0	0	N/A	N/A
2015	01/01/15-12/31/15	1	1	100%	TBD

Program: Nursing
 University: South Dakota State University
 Degree: Master of Science Family Nurse Practitioner Specialization
 Examination Title: National Certification Exam for Family Nurse Practitioner
 Organization/Agency: American Academy of Nurse Practitioners

Year	Month Taken	Number of Writers	Number Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed *
2006	01/01/06-12/31/06	13	12	92%	NA
2007	01/01/07-12/31/07	16	16	100%	NA
2008	01/01/08-12/31/08	9	9	100%	90%
2009	01/01/09-12/31/09	4	4	100%	94%
2010	01/01/10-12/31/10	19	19	100%	87%
2011	01/01/11-12/31/11	18	18	100%	89%
2012	01/01/12-12/31/12	14	14	100%	87%
2013	01/01/13-12/31/13	2	2	100%	?
2014	01/01/14-12/31/14	0	0	0	NA
2015	01/01/15-12/31/15	0	0	0	N/A

Program: Nursing
 University: South Dakota State University
 Degree: Master of Science Family Nurse Practitioner Specialization
 Examination Title: National Certification Exam for Family Nurse Practitioner
 Organization/Agency: American Nurse Credentialing Center

Year	Month Taken	Number of Writers	Number Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed *
2006	01/01/06-12/31/06	7	7	100%	NA
2007	01/01/07-12/31/07	7	7	100%	NA
2008	01/01/08-12/31/08	6	6	100%	93%
2009	01/01/09-12/31/09	19	19	100%	93%
2010	01/01/10-12/31/10	10	10	100%	87%
2011	01/01/11-12/31/11	3	3	100%	89%
2012	01/01/12-12/31/12	20	20	100%	82%
2013	01/01/13-12/31/13	0	0	NA	NA
2014	01/01/14-12/31/14	0	0	NA	NA
2015	01/01/15-12/31/15	0	0	NA	NA

Program: Nursing
 University: South Dakota State University
 Degree: Master of Science Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Specialization
 Examination Title: National Certification Exam for Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner
 Organization/Agency: American Nurse Credentialing Center

Year	Month Taken	Number of Writers	Number Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed *
2006	01/01/06-12/31/06	3	3	100%	NA
2007	01/01/07-12/31/07	2	2	100%	NA
2008	01/01/08-12/31/08	0	0	0	NA
2009	01/01/09-12/31/09	0	0	0	NA
2010	01/01/10-12/31/10	0	0	0	NA
2011	01/01/11-12/31/11	3	3	100%	NA
2012	01/01/12-12/31/12	0	0	0	NA
2013	01/01/13-12/31/13	0	0	0	NA

*This program changed to a DNP in 2009. There will be no new data under the MS category for this specialty.

Program: Nursing
 University: University of South Dakota
 Degree: A.S.
 Examination Title: National Council Licensure Examination of Registered Nurses
 Organization/Agency: South Dakota Board of Nursing

Year	Month Taken	Number of Writers	Number Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed	State of SD Pass Rate
2008	01/01/08-12/31/08	243	219	90.12%	86.73%	88.81%
2009	01/01/09-12/31/09	270	234	86.67%	88.42%	90.20%
2010	01/01/2010-12/31/2010	275	234	85.09%	87.42%	87.41%
2011	01/01/2011-12/31/2011	279	246	88.17%	87.90%	89.20%
2012	01/01/2012-12/12/2012	239	211	88.28%	90.34%	90.18%
2013	01/01/2013-12/31/2013	270	212	78.52%	83.04%	83.86%
2014	01/01/2014-12/31/2014	267	225	84.27%	81.79%	84.66%
2015*	1/01/2015-09/30/2015	106	89	83.96%	85.49%*	87.46%*
2008-2014	01/01/08 – 12/31/14	1843	1581	85.78%	86.52% avg.	87.76% avg.

* Current year contains partial data with partial-year numbers only. These numbers are not calculated in the 2005-2013 average. 2015 National and State of South Dakota pass rates are partial as well.

Program: Nursing
 University: University of South Dakota
 Degree: B.S.N.
 Examination Title: National Council Licensure Examination of Registered Nurses
 Organization/Agency: South Dakota Board of Nursing

Year	Month Taken	Number of Writers	Number Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed	State of SD Pass Rate
2015*	01/01/2015-09/30/2015	54 (BSN)	46	85.18%	85.49%*	87.46%*

*Current year (2015) contains only up to third quarter data. 2015 National and State of SD are also only partial data. 2015 represents the first year USD Nursing had BSN graduates.

Program: Occupational Therapy
 University: University of South Dakota
 Degree: MS
 Examination Title: NBCOT (National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy)
 Organization/Agency: National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)

Year		Number of Writers	Number Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed
2008	1 st Time	11	11	100.00%	85.00%
	Retesters	0	0	N/A	N/A
2009	1 st Time	19	19	100.00%	78.00%
	Retesters	0	0	N/A	N/A
2010	1 st Time	18	18	100.00%	82.00%
	Retesters	0	0	N/A	N/A
2011	1 st Time	22	22	100.00%	84.00%
	Retesters	0	0	N/A	N/A
2012	1 st Time	27	26	96.30%	85.00%
	Retesters	1	1	100.00%	N/A
2013	1 st Time	24	23	95.83%	93.00%
	Retesters	1	1	100.00%	N/A
2014	1 st Time	24	24	100.00%	86.00%
	Retesters	0	0	NA	N/A
2015	1 st Time	26	25	96%	NA
	Retesters	1	1	100%	
2008-2015	1 st Time	171	168	98.25%	84.71% (est)
	Retesters	3	3	100.00%	N/A

Program: Pharmacy
 University: South Dakota State University
 Degree: Doctor of Pharmacy (1998-Present): Bachelor of Pharmacy (up to 1998)
 Examination Title: North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination
 Organization/Agency: South Dakota Board of Pharmacy

Year	Month Taken	Number of Writers	Number Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed
1995	06	63	61	97%	95%
1995	09	2	1	50%	91%
1996	06	54	53	98%	94%
1996	09	1	1	100%	99%
1997		No Graduates; Program Transition Year			
1998	06	42	42	100%	91%
1999	08	45	45	100%	93.21%
2000	05	41	41	100%	95.44%
2001	05	44	44	100%	94.38%
2002	05	44	44	100%	96.74%
2003	05-08**	47	47	100%	93.84%
2004	05-08**	55	55	100%	95.11%
2005	05-08**	56	56	100%	89.15%
2006	05-08**	57	54	95%	94.49%
2007	05-08**	54	54	100%	97.23%
2008	05-08**	59	59	100%	97.44%
2009	05-08**	58	58	100%	97.5%
2010	05-08**	69	69	100%	95.3%
2011	05-08**	65	63	96.92%	94.16%
2012	05-08**	67	67	100%	97.19%
2013	05-08**	66	66	100%	96.57%
2014	05-08**	73	73	100%	95.61%
2015	05-08**	81	81	100%	93.86%

**05-08 is equal to the May-Aug time period. NAPLEX changed to computerized testing and thus the students can take the test any time after all application information has been submitted. Reports are generated every quarter to the state board.

Program: Physical Therapy
 University: University of South Dakota
 Degree: DPT
 Examination Title: National Physical Therapy Board Exam
 Organization/Agency: Federation of State Board of Physical Therapy

Year	Number of USD Writers	Number USD Writers Passed	% Total USD Writers Passed	National % Pass Rate	US Accredited Program % Passed
2009	26	26	100.00%	89.64%	
Retesters*	0	0	100.00%	64.33%	
Overall	26	26	100.00%	81.51%	88.48%
2010	26	26	100.00%	89.52%	
Retesters*	0	0	N/A	70.17%	
Overall	26	26	100.00%	88.51%	88.51%
2011	25	25	100.00%	91.24%	
Retesters*	0	0	N/A	72.73%	
Overall	25	25	100.00%	91.11%	91.11%
2012	26	25	96.15%	88.88%	
Retesters*	1	1	100.00%	63.62%	
Overall	27	26	96.30%	86.86%	86.86%
2013	25	25	100%	90.94%	
Retesters*	0	0	NA	66.04%	
Overall	25	25	100%	90.51%	90.51%
2014	26	26	100%	92.29%	
Retesters*	0	0	NA	66.42%	
Overall	26	26	100%	92.35%	92.35%
2015	25	25	100%	92.8%	
Retesters*	0	0	NA	N/A**	
Overall	25	25	100%	94.0%	94%
2009-2015	179	178	99.44%	90.76%	
Retesters*	1	1	100%	N/A**	
Overall	180	179	100%	89.26%	89.26%

* Includes 1st and subsequent retesters

** Waiting on information from the FSBPT

Program: Physician Assistant Studies
 University: University of South Dakota
 Degree: MSPAS (approved 2003)
 Examination Title: PANCE (Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam)
 Organization/Agency: NCCPA (National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants)

Year	Number of Writers	Number Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed
2009	20	17	85.00%	92.00%
Retakes	3	2	66.66%	86.00%
2010	21	21	100.00%	94.00%
Retakes	0	0	N/A	88.00%
2011	20	17	85.00%	91.00%
Retakes	3	3	100.00%	87.00%
2012	19	18	94.74%	93.00%
Retakes†	0	0	N/A	88.00%
2013	19	16	84.00%	94.00%
Retakes	3	2	66.66%	91.00%
2014	22	21	95%	95.00%
Retakes	1	1	100%	N/A*
2015*	25	23	92%	-*
Retakes	1	1	100%	N/A
2009-2015	146	133	91.1%	93%
Retakes**	11	9	81.8%	

† 2012 retakes

One student didn't retake

* 2015

At time of this report 1 student had not retested and National % available in 2016. National retest % no longer available.

** 2009-15 Retakes

One student yet to retake (not included in calculation) and National % for 2015 not available (not included in calculation)

Program: Respiratory Care
 University: Dakota State University
 Degree: AS/BS
 Examination Title: NBRC Entry Level Examination
 Organization/Agency: National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC)

Year	Type	Number of Writers	Number Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed
2000	New	4	3	75%	66%
	Retesters	1	1	100%	26%
2001	New	8	8	100%	66%
	Retesters	0	NA	NA	NA
2002	New	5	4	80%	66%
	Retesters	4	0	0%	26%
2003	New	6	5	83%	66%
	Retesters	4	1	25%	26%
2004	New	15	10	67%	66%
	Retesters	7	5	71%	26%
2005	New	13	11	85%	79%
	Retesters	2	2	100%	29%
2006	New	12	12	100%	79%
	Retesters	0	NA	NA	NA
2007	New	18	14	78%	79%
	Retesters	9	4	44%	29%
2008	New	19	17	89%	79%
	Retesters	2	2	100%	29%
2009	New	20	18	90%	79%
	Retesters	3	2	67%	29%
2010	New	13	11	85%	78%
	Retesters	1	1	100%	25%
2011	New	15	15	100%	78%
	Retesters	1	0	0%	25%
2012	New	20	20	100%	79%
	Retesters	1	0	0%	26%
2013	New	15	12	80%	79%
	Retesters	6	4	67%	26%
2009-2013	New	83	76	92%	79%
	Retesters	12	7	58%	26%

Program: Social Work
 University: University of South Dakota
 Degree: B.S.
 Examination Title: South Dakota Social Work Licensing Examination
 Organization/Agency: Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)

Year	Number of Writers	Number Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed
2009	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2010	14	13	93%	78%
Retesters*	0	0	N/A	33%
Overall	14	13	93%	69%
2011	11	10	91%	78%
Retesters*	1	1	100%	38%
Overall	12	11	92%	71%
2012	9	7	78%	77%
Retesters*	2	2	100%	37%
Overall	11	9	82%	70%
2013	12	11	92%	78%
Retesters*	0	0	N/A	35%
Overall	12	11	92%	71%
2014	7	4	57%	78%
Retesters*	4	1	25%	38%
Overall	11	5	45%	71%
2015	-	-	-	N/A
Retesters*				
Overall				
2009-2014	53	45	85%	78%
Retesters*	7	4	57%	36%
Overall	60	49	82%	70%

NOTE: The ASWB allows for the release of pass rate data to graduates' respective social work program. This a recent practice, thus rates are available beginning with the 2010 reporting cycle (2009 graduates).

Association of Social Work Boards does not place emphasis on bachelor's programs because many jurisdictions do not license BSW-level social workers. USD's B.S. in social work graduates about 30 students/year. The numbers presented above reflect a small percentage of the graduates from the program. The undergraduate faculty will incorporate more testing in courses to acclimate students to timed testing situations. In addition, the program will begin to offer graduating seniors a licensing test workshop, which will better prepare them for the baccalaureate social work examination.

2015-2016: Data is not yet available.

* Includes 1st and subsequent retesters

Program: Social Work
 University: University of South Dakota
 Degree: Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)
 Examination Title: South Dakota Social Work Licensing Examination
 Organization/Agency: Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)

Year	Number of Writers	Number Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed
2009	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2010	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2011	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	9	9	100%	84%
Retesters*	0	0	N/A	35%
Overall	9	9	100%	72%
2013	7	6	86%	82%
Retesters*	0	0	N/A	31%
Overall	7	6	86%	71%
2014	19	16	84%	82%
Retesters*	1	1	100%	33%
Overall	20	17	85%	71%
2015	-	-	-	N/A
Retesters*				
Overall				
2009-2014	35	31	89%	83%
Retesters*	1	1	100%	33%
Overall	36	32	89%	71%

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2015-2016: Data is not yet available.

* Includes 1st and subsequent retesters

Program: Speech Pathology
 University: University of South Dakota
 Degree: MA
 Examination Title: National Examination in Speech Language Pathology
 Organization/Agency: American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA)

Year	Number of Writers	Number Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed*
2009	16	16	100.00%	N/A
2010	24	22	91.70%	N/A
2011	25	23	92.00%	N/A
2012	25	25	100.00%	86.40%
2013	25	25	100.00%	89.50%
2014	28	26	92.86%	90.1%
2015	35**	33	94.3%	Not yet available
2009-2015	178	170	95.5%	N/A

*National pass rates were not available until 2012. Average national pass rate is 75-85%; accreditation standards desire three-year average pass rate of 80%, which USD students consistently exceed.

**The higher number of graduates taking the Praxis in 2015 reflects the graduation of our second and final distance cohort along with our on-campus students.