

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Committee on 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	Pharmacy
USD	Occupational Therapy
USD	Physical Therapy
DSU	Respiratory Care

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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## **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

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
2007*	0**	0**	N/A	N/A
2008*	2	2	100%	N/A
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%	N/A
2007-2014	23	23	100%	N/A

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

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

\*\* There was only one graduate in 2007, a Canadian citizen who was not required to take the PRAXIS for Canadian certification.

\*\*\*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 masters 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.

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 <sup>a</sup>	# Passed	% Total Writers Passed	National % Passed <sup>b</sup>
2007	9	9	9	100.00%	N/A
2008 <sup>c</sup>	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
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	3	3	100.00%	NA
2007-2014	52	46	46	100.00%	N/A

<sup>a</sup> 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.

<sup>b</sup> 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%.

<sup>c</sup> The methodology for counting graduates changed effective summer 2008. Now graduates will be reported based on the academic year (August, December, and May) instead of the calendar year. Because there were no graduates in May 2008, there are none reported for that year. Graduates in August and December 2008 are counted in 2009.

2009 One graduate has chosen not to take the exam because it is not required for current employment; one passed the exam in 2014

2010 Final graduate passed the exam in 2014.

2012 One graduate passed the exam in 2014; 1 student still plans to take the exam in 2015. (*Correction to 2013 report—should have shown 7 students who had taken and passed the exam by 2013*)

2013 One graduate passed the exam in 2014; one does not have plans to take the exam because it is not required for current employment.

2014 One graduate passed the exam in 2013, two passed in 2014, one students plan to take exam in December 2014, one plans to take in the summer of 2015

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
2007	03	34	34	100%	96.9%
2008	03	32	32	100%	95.9%
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%	N/A
2007-2014		249	249	100%	N/A

National % Passed is not 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	% Total Writers Passing First Time-5 year rate <sup>a</sup>	%Passing within the First year <sup>b</sup>
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 <sup>a</sup>	53	41	81%	
<b>2009-2013</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>98</b>

<sup>a</sup>These 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.

<sup>b</sup>Second 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 *
2007	Feb-1 <sup>st</sup> time	11	10	91.00%	N/A
	Feb Retesters	9	7	77.78%	N/A
	July-1 <sup>st</sup> time	43	39	90.70%	N/A
	July Retesters	4	1	25.00%	N/A
2008	Feb-1 <sup>st</sup> time	2	2	100.00%	N/A
	Feb Retesters	7	3	42.86%	N/A
	July-1 <sup>st</sup> time	57	54	94.74%	N/A
	July Retesters	2	1	50.00%	N/A
2009	Feb-1 <sup>st</sup> time	5	5	100.00%	N/A
	Feb Retesters	4	1	25.00%	N/A
	July-1 <sup>st</sup> time	53	51	96.23%	N/A
	July Retesters	2	2	100.00%	N/A
2010	Feb-1 <sup>st</sup> time	4	3	75.00%	N/A
	Feb Retesters	1	0	00.00%	N/A
	July-1 <sup>st</sup> time	46	46	100.00%	N/A
	July Retesters	2	1	50.00%	N/A
2011	Feb-1 <sup>st</sup> time	5	4	80.00%	N/A
	Feb Retesters	0	0	00.00%	N/A
	July-1 <sup>st</sup> time	35	32	91.43%	N/A
	July Retesters	0	0	00.00%	N/A
2012	Feb-1 <sup>st</sup> time	1	1	100.00%	N/A
	Feb Retesters	4	1	25.00%	N/A
	July-1 <sup>st</sup> time	56	47	83.93%	N/A
	July Retesters	2	0	00.00%	N/A
2013	Feb-1 <sup>st</sup> time	3	2	66.67%	N/A
	Feb Retesters	11	8	72.73%	N/A
	July-1 <sup>st</sup> time	40	39	97.50%	N/A
	July Retesters	3	2	66.67%	N/A
2014	Feb-1 <sup>st</sup> time	4	3	75.00%	N/A
	Feb Retesters	3	2	66.67%	N/A
	July-1 <sup>st</sup> time	53	40	75.47%	N/A
	July Retesters	1	0	00.00%	N/A
2007-2014	Feb-1 <sup>st</sup> time	35	30	85.71%	N/A
	Feb Retesters	39	22	56.41%	N/A
	July-1 <sup>st</sup> time	383	348	90.86%	N/A
	July Retesters	16	7	43.75%	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.



Program: Medicine  
 University: University of South Dakota  
 Degree: MD  
 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
2008	1	53	49	92%	93%
	Retesters	4	3	75%	72%
	2-CK	52	52	100%	96%
	Retesters	--	--	--	87%
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	--	--	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*				
	Retesters				
2008-2015	1	411	383	93%	94%
	Retesters	25	21	84%	75%
	2-CK*	361	356	99%	97%
	Retesters	4	4	100%	87%

\* Step 2-CK data is only available through 2014 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 *
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%
2008	01/01/08-12/31/08	232	216	93%	87%
2009	01/01/09-12/31/09	250	233	93%	88%
2010	01/01/10-12/31/10	227	206	91%	87%
2011	01/01/11-12-31-11	233	218	94%	88%
2012	01/01/12-12/31/12	299	282	94%	84%
2013	01/01/13-12/31/13	281	260	93%	83%
2005-2013		2124	1939	91%	86%

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.

\* National % Passed: Percent passing of all graduates from 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

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%

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	0	0	0	NA

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	0	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

Program: Nursing  
 University: University of South Dakota  
 Degree: AS  
 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
2007	01/01/07-12/31/07	273	205	75.09%	85.47%	81.00%
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*	01/01/2014-06/30/2014	229	200	87.34%	85.54%*	89.93%*
2007-2013	01/01/05 – 12/31/13	2078	1761	84.7%	87.05% avg.	87.24% avg.

\* Current year contains partial data with mid-year numbers only. These numbers are not calculated in the 2005-2013 average. 2014 National and State of South Dakota pass rates are partial as well.

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
2007	1 <sup>st</sup> Time	8	8	100.00%	85.00%
	Retesters	0	0	N/A	N/A
2008	1 <sup>st</sup> Time	11	11	100.00%	85.00%
	Retesters	0	0	N/A	N/A
2009	1 <sup>st</sup> Time	19	19	100.00%	78.00%
	Retesters	0	0	N/A	N/A
2010	1 <sup>st</sup> Time	18	18	100.00%	82.00%
	Retesters	0	0	N/A	N/A
2011	1 <sup>st</sup> Time	22	22	100.00%	84.00%
	Retesters	0	0	N/A	N/A
2012	1 <sup>st</sup> Time	27	26	96.30%	85.00%
	Retesters	1	1	100.00%	N/A
2013	1 <sup>st</sup> Time	24	23	95.83%	93.00%
	Retesters	1	1	100.00%	N/A
2014	1 <sup>st</sup> Time	24	24	100.00%	Not yet available
	Retesters	0	0	NA	N/A
2007-2014	1 <sup>st</sup> Time	153	151	98.69%	84.57%
	Retesters	2	2	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%

\*\*05-08 is equal to the May-Aug time period. NAPLEX changed to computerized testing and thus the students can take the test anytime 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
2007*	6	6	100.00%	90.30%	
Retesters**	0	0	N/A	70.41%	
Overall	6	6	100.00%	89.22%	89.22%
2008	21	16	76.19%	85.16%	
Retesters**	5	5 <sup>φ</sup>	100.00%	61.48%	
Overall	26	21	76.92%	81.51%	85.77%
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%
2007-2014	181	175	96.7%	89.7%	89.10%
Retesters**	6	6	100%	66.90%	
Overall	187	181	100%	87.70%	

\* Effective 2007, degree changed to a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from a Master of Science.

<sup>φ</sup> Retester graduated in 2008, but retested in 2009 and passed

\*\* Includes 1<sup>st</sup> and subsequent retesters

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
2007	19	16	84.21%	93.00%
Retakes	3	3	100.00%	87.00%
2008	20	20	100.00%	94.00%
Retakes	0	0	N/A	89.00%
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	2	2	100%	91.00%
2014*	21	20	95%	N/A*
Retakes	-	-	-	N/A*
2007-2014	159	145	91.2%	93%
Retakes**	11	10	90.9%	88%

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† 2012 retakes One student didn't retake

\* 2014 At time of this report 1 student had not tested and National % available in 2015

\*\* 2007-14 Retakes One student yet to retake (not included in calculation) and National % for 2014 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
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%
2014	New	17	15	88%	80%
	Retesters	2	1	50%	26%
2010-2014	New	80	73	91%	79%
	Retesters	11	6	55%	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
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2008	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	-	-	-	N/A
Retesters*				
Overall				
2007-2013	46	41	89%	78%
Retesters*	3	3	100%	36%
Overall	49	44	90%	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).

2014: Data is not yet available.

\* Includes 1<sup>st</sup> 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
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2008	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	-	-	-	N/A
Retesters*				
Overall				
2007-2013	16	15	94%	83%
Retesters*	0	0	N/A	33%
Overall	16	15	94%	72%

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 2013 reporting cycle (2012 graduates).

2014: Data is not yet available.

\* Includes 1<sup>st</sup> and subsequent retesters

Program: Speech Pathology  
 University: University of South Dakota  
 Degree: MS  
 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*
2007**	5	3	60.00%	N/A
2008	19	18	94.74%	N/A
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%	Not yet available
2007-2014	167	158	94.61%	87.95%

\*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 lower number of SLPs taking the PRAXIS exam during 2007 is not an indicator of fewer students graduating from the program. Rather, ASHA changed the make-up of the PRAXIS to be more applicable to the CFY SLP and instructed programs not to encourage students to take the exam prior to graduation. Instead, students should take the exam later, during the clinical fellowship year. Therefore, during 2007, departmental policy changed to discourage students from taking it until well after graduation, as recommended by ASHA. The students who took it during 2007 took it "for practice" before graduation, resulting in the low pass rate for that year.