

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT DATA

Each of the professional programs offered at UTHSC pursues the mission of the institution by producing caring, competent, and ethical patient-focused healthcare professionals prepared to detect, treat, and prevent human disease and injury. The expectation is that every student in each professional program will pass the professional licensure examination at or near completion of the program.

UTHSC measures student achievement in two primary ways: first-time pass rates on professional licensure exams, and graduation rates for graduate/professional programs and for undergraduate programs.

### FIRST-TIME BOARD PASS RATES

For each table below, the UTHSC row shows the first-time pass rate for each year shown; “N” is the number of UTHSC students who attempted the board exam; and “National” is the national first-time pass rate for that year.

#### *Medicine (MD)*

		2020	2021	2022
Step 1	<b>UTHSC</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>96%</b>
	N	160	176	166
	National	98%	96%	93%

USMLE Step 1 – taken at the end of the M2 year

		AY 2019-20	AY 2020-21	AY 2021-22
Step 2 CK	<b>UTHSC</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>98%</b>
	N	154	174	168
	National	98%	99%	96%

USMLE Step 2 Clinical Knowledge – taken during the M4 year

		2019-2020
Step 2 CS	<b>UTHSC</b>	<b>95%</b>
	N	57
	National	95%

USMLE Step 2 Clinical Skills, discontinued in 2020

#### *Physician Assistant (MMS-PA)*

		2020	2021	2022
PANCE	<b>UTHSC</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>88%</b>
	N	28	30	27
	National	95%	93%	96%

Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam – taken after completion of the program

***Pharmacy (PharmD)***

		2020	2021	2022
NAPLEX	<b>UTHSC</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>79%</b>
	N	148	157	182
	National	86%	83%	79%

National Pharmacy Licensure Exam – taken after completion of the program

***Dentistry (DDS)***

		2020
NBDE I	<b>UTHSC</b>	<b>88%</b>
	N	102
	National	93%

National Board of Dental Examiners I has been discontinued

		2020	2021	2022
NBDE II	<b>UTHSC</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>89%</b>
	N	97	90	101
	National	93%	91%	No Data

National Board of Dental Examiners II – discontinued on December 31, 2022

***Dentistry (BSDH)***

		2020	2021	2022
NBDHE	<b>UTHSC</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>89%</b>
	N	24	28	28
	National	91%	87%	No Data

National Board of Dental Hygiene Examiners – typically taken at the completion of the BSDH

		2020	2021	2022
Clinical Exam	<b>UTHSC</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>89%</b>
	N	24	28	28
	Regional	No Data	No Data	No Data

Southern Regional Testing Agency – typically taken at the completion of the BSDH. In this case, because this is a regional testing agency there is no national first-time pass rate. In 2019, clinical testing changed to Central Interstate Testing Agency (CITA) which does not publish any overall data on pass rates.

***Nursing (BSN)***

		2020	2021	2022
NCLEX-RN	<b>UTHSC</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>89%</b>
	N	62	51	88
	National	86%	82%	No Data

National Council Licensure Examination – Registered Nurse – typically taken at the completion of the program.

***BS – Medical Laboratory Science and MS – Clinical Laboratory Science***

		2020	2021	2022
ASCP or ATM	<b>UTHSC</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>90%</b>
	N	15	18	11
	National	No Data	No Data	No Data

American Society for Clinical Pathology – typically taken at the completion of the program

***Master of Cytopathology Practice (students may take either or both of the exams)***

		2020	2021	2022
CT and HTL	<b>UTHSC</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
	N	2	7	5
	National	90% (CT) 85% (HTL)	88% (CT) 85% (HTL)	No Data

Histotechnologist Certification Exam – American Society for Clinical Pathology – usually taken at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester of the program

Cytotechnologist Certification Exam – American Society for Clinical Pathology – usually taken at the completion of the program

***Doctor of Physical Therapy***

		2020	2021	2022
NPTE	<b>UTHSC</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>86%</b>
	N	58	59	60
	National	91%	89%	85%

National Physical Therapy Exam – typically taken at the completion of the program

***Master of Occupational Therapy***

		2020	2021	2022
NBCOT	<b>UTHSC</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>82%</b>
	N	40	39	41
	National	77%	81%	84%

National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy – MOT is required by its specialized accreditor to report percentage of students passing in the first year after graduation.

### ***Audiology Doctorate (AuD)***

		2020	2021	2022
Praxis SLP	<b>UTHSC</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>91%</b>
	N	42	57	23
	National	No Data	No Data	No Data

		2020	2021	2022
Praxis AuD	<b>UTHSC</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>100%</b>
	N	7	25	41
	National	No Data	No Data	No Data

### **GRADUATION RATES**

UTHSC calculates two graduation rates – one for graduate/professional programs and one for undergraduate programs. Readers should note that UTHSC does not offer lower division undergraduate courses; undergraduate programs offered by UTHSC are completion programs. Therefore, the graduation rates are not calculated according to the IPEDS definition. However, the calculations are very similar to the IPEDS method and the calculations are uniform from year to year.

The graduation rate calculation is based on the entering cohort into each program, and the number of students from that cohort who graduate within 1.5 times the nominal time to degree for that program. For example, the DDS program is a nominal 4-year program and thus the number of students in an entering cohort who have graduated within 6 years of entry is used. Undergraduate programs at UTHSC are typically 1-year programs, so the number of students in the entering cohort who have graduated within 1.5 years (3 terms) is used.

UTHSC strives for graduation rates above 90%, but the *threshold of acceptability* is set at 90% for graduate/professional programs and 85% for undergraduate programs. These thresholds were approved by the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs (CASA) after reviewing what other academic health science centers had set.

### ***Graduate/Professional Programs***

		2020	2021	2022
Graduation Rate	<b>UTHSC</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>94%</b>
	N	702	739	728
	Threshold	90%	90%	90%

### ***Undergraduate Programs***

		2020	2021	2022
Graduation Rate	<b>UTHSC</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>84%</b>
	N	195	182	227
	Threshold	85%	85%	85%

