

Examinations In Review

January through December - 2018

The NBRC Board of Trustees makes it a priority to ensure all examination candidates experience the best possible testing service. To make our credentialing examinations as convenient as possible for candidates, our testing agency, PSI, offers morning and afternoon sessions Monday through Saturday at over 300 locations nationwide.

From January 1 through December 31, 2018, the NBRC administered 28,765 examinations and awarded 14,451 new CRT, RRT, CPFT, RPFT, CRT-NPS, RRT-NPS, CRT-SDS, RRT-SDS and RRT-ACCS credentials.

The following chart is a breakdown, by exam and credential, of how many candidates attempted each examination and how many were awarded a credential.

Examination	2018 Examinations Administered	Credential	2018 Credentials Awarded	Total Credentialed to Date
Therapist Multiple-Choice	13,759	CRT	5,937	252,077
Clinical Simulation	11,432	RRT	6,053	164,223
Pulmonary Function Technology	526	CPFT	269	13,917
		RPFT	126	4,875
Neonatal/Pediatric Specialty	1,517	CRT-NPS & RRT-NPS	1,006	15,533
Sleep Disorders Specialty	156	CRT-SDS & RRT-SDS	123	724
Adult Critical Care Specialty	1375	RRT-ACCS	937	3,720

On behalf of the Board and staff of the NBRC, we congratulate all respiratory care professionals who achieved new NBRC credentials in 2018! Thanks to your hard work and dedication, the total number of NBRC credentials awarded to date is 455,069....and counting.

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PASS RATES COMPARED

Below are the passing percentages for NBRC credentialing examinations given January 1 through December 31, 2016, 2017, and 2018. As the pass rates reflect, the percentages of first-time candidates passing the NBRC credentialing examinations have remained relatively stable.

	January - December		
	2016	2017	2018
Therapist Multiple-Choice Examination			
New Candidates			
Low Cut	81.7%	81.5%	79.0%
High Cut	72.2%	71.8%	69.2%
Repeat Candidates			
Low Cut	47.5%	45.1%	46.3%
High Cut	27.6%	25.9%	26.0%
Clinical Simulation Examination			
New Candidates	56.8%	58.0%	61.4%
Repeat Candidates	44.7%	45.4%	46.7%
Pulmonary Function Technology Examination			
New Candidates			
Low Cut	70.5%	69.7%	66.2%
High Cut	33.0%	31.2%	29.9%
Repeat Candidates			
Low Cut	60.4%	57.2%	59.8%
High Cut	13.6%	17.8%	11.7%
Neonatal/Pediatric Specialty Examination			
New Candidates	78.2%	78.0%	72.4%
Repeat Candidates	48.5%	45.7%	49.1%
Sleep Disorders Specialty Examination			
New Candidates	83.3%	86.3%	81.0%
Repeat Candidates	56.3%	63.6%	68.4%
Adult Critical Care Specialty Examination			
New Candidates	75.0%	74.9%	73.5%
Repeat Candidates	47.2%	53.3%	46.9%

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