

Examinations Administered and Credentials Awarded

We administered 22,587 NBRC examinations and awarded 12,738 new credentials in 2020.

As of December 31, 2020, the total number of NBRC credentials awarded reached 479,292.

	2020 Examinations Administered	Credential	2020 Credentials Awarded	Total Credentials to Date
Therapist Multiple-Choice	11,739	CRT	5,894	262,792
Clinical Simulation	8,788	RRT	5,357	174,755
Pulmonary Function Technology	386	CPFT	224	14,314
		RPFT	126	5,118
Neonatal/Pediatric Specialist	885	RRT-NPS	612	16,690
Sleep Disorders Specialist	124	CRT-SDS & RRT-SDS	97	918
Adult Critical Care Specialist	665	RRT-ACCS	428	4,705

Passing percentages for 2018 - 2020 can be found on the next page.

Pass Rates Compared

The table below shows passing percentages for NBRC credentialing examinations given January 1 through December 31 for the years 2018, 2019, and 2020. Pass rates have remained relatively stable and are in line with our expectations.

Therapist Multiple-Choice Examination	2018	2019	2020
New Candidates			
Low Cut	79.0%	76.8%	80.5%
High Cut	69.2%	66.1%	71.5%
Repeat Candidates			
Low Cut	46.3%	43.7%	48.9%
High Cut	26.0%	25.3%	30.1%
Clinical Simulation Examination			
New Candidates	61.4%	62.3%	67.2%
Repeat Candidates	46.7%	50.9%	53.8%
Pulmonary Function Technology Examination			
New Candidates			
Low Cut	66.2%	64.8%	71.7%
High Cut	29.9%	30.9%	34.2%
Repeat Candidates			
Low Cut	59.8%	60.3%	70.9%
High Cut	11.7%	17.9%	31.8%
Neonatal/Pediatric Specialist Examination			
New Candidates	72.4%	66.5%	75.0%
Repeat Candidates	49.1%	41.5%	54.8%
Sleep Disorders Specialist Examination			
New Candidates	81.0%	81.1%	79.2%
Repeat Candidates	68.4%	63.6%	77.8%
Adult Critical Care Specialist Examination			
New Candidates	73.5%	66.5%	69.0%
Repeat Candidates	46.9%	46.7%	50.0%