

# 2023 Examinations in Review

## Examinations Administered and Credentials Awarded

We administered 23,156 NBRC examinations and awarded 13,131 new credentials in 2023.

As of December 31, 2023, the total number of NBRC credentials awarded reached 549,923.

|                                       | 2023 Examinations Administered | Credential        | 2023 Credentials Awarded | Total Credentials to Date |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Therapist Multiple-Choice</b>      | 11,364                         | CRT               | 6,025                    | 295,964                   |
| <b>Clinical Simulation</b>            | 9,173                          | RRT               | 5,334                    | 198,974                   |
| <b>Pulmonary Function Technology</b>  | 503                            | CPFT              | 302                      | 15,842                    |
|                                       |                                | RPFT              | 169                      | 5,720                     |
| <b>Neonatal/Pediatric Specialist</b>  | 882                            | RRT-NPS           | 568                      | 19,257                    |
| <b>Sleep Disorders Specialist</b>     | 148                            | CRT-SDS & RRT-SDS | 115                      | 1,251                     |
| <b>Adult Critical Care Specialist</b> | 768                            | RRT-ACCS          | 466                      | 6,191                     |
| <b>Asthma Educator Specialist</b>     | 318                            | AE-C              | 152                      | 6,724                     |

Passing percentages for 2021 - 2023 can be found on the next page.

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## Pass Rates Compared

The table below shows passing percentages for NBRC credentialing examinations given January 1 through December 31 for the years 2021, 2022 and 2023.

| <b>Therapist Multiple-Choice Examination</b>      | <b>2021</b> | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>New Candidates</b>                             |             |             |             |
| Low Cut   | 75.2%       | 77.3%       | 78.9%       |
| High Cut  | 65.1%       | 68.1%       | 69.4%       |
| <b>Repeat Candidates</b>                          |             |             |             |
| Low Cut   | 48.0%       | 50.5%       | 50.9%       |
| High Cut  | 30.0%       | 32.1%       | 32.0%       |
| <b>Clinical Simulation Examination</b>            |             |             |             |
| <b>New Candidates</b>                             | 62.3%       | 63.5%       | 65.4%       |
| <b>Repeat Candidates</b>                          | 47.9%       | 52.0%       | 50.5%       |
| <b>Pulmonary Function Technology Examination</b>  |             |             |             |
| <b>New Candidates</b>                             |             |             |             |
| Low Cut   | 70.8%       | 69.2%       | 69.2%       |
| High Cut  | 41.6%       | 31.6%       | 37.9%       |
| <b>Repeat Candidates</b>                          |             |             |             |
| Low Cut   | 65.8%       | 68.1%       | 67.6%       |
| High Cut  | 17.1%       | 18.8%       | 19.1%       |
| <b>Neonatal/Pediatric Specialist Examination</b>  |             |             |             |
| <b>New Candidates</b>                             | 75.7%       | 67.2%       | 70.2%       |
| <b>Repeat Candidates</b>                          | 48.5%       | 44.5%       | 49.1%       |
| <b>Sleep Disorders Specialist Examination</b>     |             |             |             |
| <b>New Candidates</b>                             | 79.2%       | 75.6%       | 81.8%       |
| <b>Repeat Candidates</b>                          | 44.4%       | 60.0%       | 63.0%       |
| <b>Adult Critical Care Specialist Examination</b> |             |             |             |
| <b>New Candidates</b>                             | 66.0%       | 65.1%       | 65.4%       |
| <b>Repeat Candidates</b>                          | 52.1%       | 40.5%       | 45.6%       |
| <b>Asthma Educator Specialist Examination</b>     |             |             |             |
| <b>New Candidates</b>                             | 59.4%       | 55.5%       | 53.5%       |
| <b>Repeat Candidates</b>                          | 29.4%       | 47.2%       | 45.6%       |