

2025 Examinations in Review

Examinations Administered and Credentials Awarded

We administered 24,364 NBRC examinations and awarded 13,395 new credentials in 2025.

As of December 31, 2025, the total number of NBRC credentials awarded reached 576,391.

	2025 Examinations Administered	Credential	2025 Credentials Awarded	Total Credentials to Date
Therapist Multiple-Choice	11,086	CRT	5,768	307,398
Clinical Simulation	9,004	RRT	5,196	209,304
Pulmonary Function Technology	600	CPFT	330	16,511
		RPFT	155	6,044
Neonatal/Pediatric Specialist	1,712	RRT-NPS	961	21,002
Sleep Disorders Specialist	220	CRT-SDS & RRT-SDS	172	1,607
Adult Critical Care Specialist	1,303	RRT-ACCS	645	7,446
Asthma Educator Specialist	439	AE-C	168	7,079

Passing percentages for 2023 - 2025 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 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Therapist Multiple-Choice Examination	2023	2024	2025
New Candidates			
Low Cut	78.9%	79.5%	78.5%
High Cut	69.4%	69.9%	68.2%
Repeat Candidates			
Low Cut	50.9%	50.6%	48.9%
High Cut	32.0%	31.6%	29.4%
Clinical Simulation Examination			
New Candidates	65.4%	62.9%	63.6%
Repeat Candidates	50.5%	49.6%	53.0%
Pulmonary Function Technology Examination			
New Candidates			
Low Cut	69.2%	64.0%	68.8%
High Cut	37.9%	31.8%	31.5%
Repeat Candidates			
Low Cut	67.6%	58.5%	54.2%
High Cut	19.1%	16.9%	15.7%
Neonatal/Pediatric Specialist Examination			
New Candidates	70.2%	64.4%	63.4%
Repeat Candidates	49.1%	46.8%	40.4%
Sleep Disorders Specialist Examination			
New Candidates	81.8%	87.8%	82.5%
Repeat Candidates	63.0%	81.8%	54.8%
Adult Critical Care Specialist Examination			
New Candidates	65.4%	61.0%	57%
Repeat Candidates	45.6%	36.9%	34.0%
Asthma Educator Specialist Examination			
New Candidates	53.5%	55.6%	51.3%
Repeat Candidates	45.6%	46.9%	30.2%