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# *Nursing Update*

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Southwest Texas College

# Texas Senate Bill 1429

- **Enacted and effective September 1, 2023.**
  - **It prohibits nursing programs in Texas from using vendor-created standardized exams as graduation requirements or as a basis to deny students the affidavit of graduation, a document required by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) to register for the NCLEX.**
- **Programs can still use standardized exams for non-high-stakes purposes, such as:**
  - **Familiarizing students with computerized testing**
  - **Assessing strengths/weaknesses for remediation**
  - **Admissions screening, where appropriate**
  - **Evaluating curriculum effectiveness**
- **Limitations on weight: Any standardized exam prepared by a private entity's score may account for no more than 10% of a course grade, and schools may not require students to enroll in remediation through the test provider.**
- **Enforcement: Non-compliance may result in disciplinary actions or even loss of program approval by the BON.**

# NCLEX Pass Rates

2024 LVN Pass Rate	2025 LVN Pass Rate	2024 ADN Pass Rate	2025 ADN Pass Rate
41/54	32/40	33/46	41/47*
75.93%	80%	71.74%	87.23% *One student pending

- The Texas Board of Nursing (BON) mandates that all nursing schools have an 80% pass rate per program on the students’ first attempt.
- Measures Taken:
  - Comprehensive self-report written following 2024 results
  - Saturday tutoring sessions
  - Simulation lab remediation to enhance skills
  - ATI remediation (Greenlighting) Encouraged
  - Growth plans for students
  - Eight-week nursing home clinicals before hospital clinicals (recommended by BON)

# 2025-2026

- **Fully staffed at all sites**
  - **New ADN and LVN faculty hired in Eagle Pass**
  - **New ADN faculty in Uvalde.**
- **Program expansion**
  - **Exploring the addition of an LVN night cohort.**

# TRUE Pathways Grant

- **\$155,000**
- **Purpose: to fund the development of a nursing pathway from dual credit through a master's program.**
  - **Students will be able to complete their nursing pre-requisite courses in high school (15 hours of college credit) and apply to the nursing program as seniors.**
  - **Students will earn an LVN degree and progress through the ADN pathway (SWTX).**
  - **Students will be able to complete a BSN and an MSN completely online without having to leave home.**

# Questions?