

Oregon University System Graduates' Pass Rates on Professional Certification Exams

Discipline	EOU	OIT	OSU	PSU	SOU	UO	WOU
Accounting	Reports compiled by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy in 2004 and 2005 do not include institutional pass rates for candidates successfully completing all four parts of the exam. The 2005 pass rate for Oregon candidates as a whole (including those with degrees from private and public institutions) taking all sections of the exam is 46%, compared to 36% nationally.						
Architecture						84% average on all sections of Architect Registration exam (national average 72%)	
Clinical Lab Science		96% on National Pathology exam (national average 82%)					
Dental Hygiene		100% on National Board Dental Hygiene exam					
Engineering		100% on Civil Engineering – Fundamentals of Land Surveying; 67% on the Fundamentals of Civil Engineering exam (peer average 32%)	88% on Fundamentals of Engineering exam (peer average 75%)	91% on Fundamentals of Civil Engineering exam (peer average 64%); 91% on Fundamentals of Mechanical Engineering exam (peer average 73%)			
Exercise Science			42% on National Athletic Training Association exam (national average 26%)				
Law						85% on Oregon Bar exam (state average 79%)	

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Medical Imaging Technology:							
<i>Radiologic Science</i>		94% on American Registry of Radiologic Technologists exam (national average 89%)					
<i>Nuclear Medicine Technology</i>		97% on American Registry of Radiologic Technologists exam (national average 92%)					
<i>Diagnostic Medical Sonography</i>		95% on American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonography exam (national average 60%)					
<i>Vascular Technology</i>		96% on American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonography exam (national average 59%)					

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Nutrition			83% on American Dietetics Association exam (national average 83%)				
Pharmacy			99% on North American Pharmacist Licensure exam (national average 92%)				
Social Work				83% on Clinical Social Workers exam (national rate 74%)			
Veterinary Medicine			95% on North American Veterinary Licensure exam (national average 88%)				

Explanatory Notes

- For all OUS institutions, students completing a teacher preparation program must have successfully passed all required certification tests. Therefore, the pass rate for the field of Education is 100% for all institutions.
- Eligibility to take the exam may require some professional experience and/or additional coursework beyond that taken as part of a degree program.

Exam Background Information

Accounting

National Association of State Boards of Accountancy <http://www.nasba.org/>

Due to an exam format change implemented in 2004, institutional pass rates are not available. The exam is now offered four times per year and candidates are not required to take all four sections in one session. The new format and annual report do not reliably identify institutional affiliation, first-time test takers, or those who successfully complete all four sections of the exam within the year.

Architecture

National Council of Architectural Registration Board <http://www.ncarb.org/>

Candidates must have a degree from an accredited school and practical experience to qualify for the examination. The exam is computer-based and offered continuously. Results are compiled annually, and there is no distinction made between first-time and repeat exam takers. The institution and national data are from 2005.

Clinical Lab Science

The American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP) <http://www.ascp.org>

The exam is computerized and offered continuously. The results are compiled quarterly and reported to individual institutions. The data reflect a three-year average of first-time pass rates for graduates completing the exam in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Dental Hygiene

The American Dental Association—National Board Dental Hygiene Exam <http://www.ada.org/>

The exam is a written examination offered six times per year. Data reflect pass rates from 2006.

Engineering

National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying <http://www.ncees.org/>

The Fundamentals of Engineering Examinations are given twice per year in April and October. The data reflect the 2006 first-time pass rates. Please note that the comparison pass rates for the three institutions listed (OIT, OSU, and PSU) vary because the institutions are classified in peer comparison groups by the National Council of Examiners of Engineering & Surveying, and compared to institutions with similar program size and objectives.

Exercise Science

Board of Certification for Athletic Training <http://www.bocatc.org/>

All sections of the exam will be computer based beginning June 2007 and offered continuously. Currently, three sections of the five-part examination are written and two are computer-based. Institutional reports are compiled annually and sent to program directors in April. The annual reports reflect pass rates for the preceding calendar year.

Law

Oregon Bar Association <http://www.osbar.org/>

The examination is given twice per year in February and July. The results reflect the first-try pass rates of candidates completing the examination in 2006.

Medical Imaging Technology

The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists <http://www.arrt.org/>

The certification examinations for specialization in Radiologic Science and Nuclear Medicine Technology are administered through ARRT. The exams are computer based and institutional reports are available to program directors continuously via the web. An annual report is also compiled and published in February. Data reflect pass rates for the graduating class of 2005.

The American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonography <http://www.ardms.org>

The certification examinations for specialization in Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Vascular Technology are administered through ARDMS. The exams are computer based and offered continuously. A national report is compiled and published annually. Data reflect pass rates for the graduating class of 2005.

Nutrition

Commission on Dietetic Registration <http://www.cdrnet.org/>

The examination is computer based and offered continuously. Institutional reports are compiled semiannually and sent to program directors in February and August. An annual report is published in February and includes a five-year overview of examination pass rates.

Pharmacy

Association of Boards of Pharmacy <http://www.nabp.net/>

The examination is given in three testing windows throughout the year: January through April; May through August; and September through December. Both the institutional and national figures reflect first-try pass rates in 2006.

Social Work

The Oregon State Board of Clinical Social Workers <http://www.oregon.go/bcsw>

The data reflect first-time pass rates from 2006 examination results.

Veterinary Medicine

National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners <http://www.nbvme.org/>

The National Board examination is given twice per year. The data reflect first-try pass rates for class of 2006 veterinary students.