

Disclosure Statements

The following statistical information is provided to all prospective students. Please read this information before signing your application for admission.

1. The retention rate (% of students who completed the program) for the Class of 2003 is 55%. Reasons for leaving the program are academic and personal. The cohort completion rate (% of students pursuing post-secondary education for the first time who completed the program) for the Class of 2002 is 55%.
2. The results of achievement on standardized tests administered during the program are on file and are available upon request.
3. The number of graduates as of June 2003 is 5485.
4. Pass rates on the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing Examination (NCLEX-RN) for graduates of The Western Pennsylvania Hospital School of Nursing (**SON**) as compared with Pennsylvania averages (**PA Average**) for other diploma schools of nursing are as follows:

	SON	PA Average
Class of 2002	82.4%	(78.3%)
Class of 2001	68%*	(82.6%)
Class of 2000	61%*	(81.7%)
Class of 1999	82%	(83.3%)

*Incomplete – Not all graduates have taken the examination.

5. The employment rate for members of the Class of 2002 who passed the NCLEX-RN, 6 months after graduation, was 100%.
6. Felonious acts may prohibit licensure in Pennsylvania as determined by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing. As stated in THE PROFESSIONAL NURSING LAW Act of 1951, P.L. 317, No. 69 as amended:

"The Board shall not issue a license or certificate to an applicant who has been convicted of a felonious act prohibited by the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L. 233, No. 64), known as 'The Controlled substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act,' or convicted of a felony relating to a controlled substance in a court of law of the United States or any other state, territory or country unless:

- (1) at least ten (10) years have elapsed from the date of conviction;
- (2) the applicant satisfactorily demonstrates to the Board that he has made significant progress in personal rehabilitation since the conviction such that licensure of the applicant should not be expected to create a substantial risk of harm to the health and safety of patients or the public or a substantial risk of further criminal violations; and
- (3) the applicant otherwise satisfies the qualifications contained in or authorized by this Act.

As used in this subsection the term 'convicted' shall include a judgment, an admission of guilt or a plea of nolo contendere.....(6 amended Dec. 15, 1986, P.L. 1607, No. 179)."