

Licensure and Certification Examinations

School of Nursing. Table 1 provides the National Council Licensure Examination-Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN) pass rate for first-time test takers over the past four years. The national average for the NCLEX was 91.66 percent for Baccalaureate schools in 2012 while the Emory student pass rate was 94.2%.

TABLE 1. 2009-2012 NCLEX-RN Pass Rates for BSN Cohorts

Year	Number of Students Taking NCLEX-RN for First Time	NCLEX-RN Pass Rate for First-Time Test Takers
2009	91	87%
2010	100	89%
2011	142	89.4%
2012	121	94.2%

School of Medicine. The medical school tracks the pass rate for recent graduates on the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE), Step 1, Step 2CK (Clinical Knowledge) and 2CS (Clinical Skills) licensure exams. The USMLE is a multi-part professional exam sponsored by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) and the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME). All three parts must be passed before an MD medical school graduate is eligible to apply for a license to practice medicine in the United States. As Table 2 indicates, 98-100 percent of all recent Emory School of Medicine graduates have passed all three USMLE steps.

TABLE 2. Pass rates on licensure exams for 2012 School of Medicine graduates

Degree Program	Program Level (U= Undergraduate, G=Graduate, P=Professional)	Pass rate on licensure exams
Doctor Of Medicine	P	USMLE 98% Step 1; 100% Step 2CK; 100% Step 2CS
BMSc Medical Imaging	U	100% pass rate on national board exam
Doctor of Physical Therapy	P	100%
MMSc Physician Assistant Program	G	99%

The School of Medicine also monitors pass rates on licensure exams for the BMSc in Medical Imaging, Doctor in Physical Therapy, and MMSc Physician Assistant programs. Pass rates for these exams range from 98 percent to 100 percent

College of Arts and Sciences. Although there is no professional licensure examination for the majors offered in Emory College of Arts and Sciences, the college regularly assesses the success of its graduates as measured by their acceptance to pre-professional programs such as law and medicine. Each year the Career Center compiles a report that summarizes LSAT scores and admission statistics for recent graduates. The latest report indicates that 93 percent of the 2013 seniors who applied to law schools were accepted to one or more institutions. The average LSAT score for these seniors was 155.1.

TABLE 3. Law School Application and Acceptance Rates

Class Year		Emory Seniors	All Emory	National
2013	Applied	58	202	59,384
	Accepted	54	169	45,700
	Percentage	93%	84%	77%
2012	Applied	69	216	67,865
	Accepted	64	179	50,647
	Percentage	93%	83%	75%
2011	Applied	96	270	78,474
	Accepted	93	227	55,760
	Percentage	97%	84%	71%
2010	Applied	90	333	87,912
	Accepted	80	272	60,436
	Percentage	89%	82%	69%
2009	Applied	103	335	83,576
	Accepted	91	280	58,374
	Percentage	88%	84%	67%

The Career Center also maintains detailed statistics on acceptance to medical schools and GMAT scores for recent graduates. The 2012 report shows that 54 percent of the Emory applicants were accepted to medical schools, as shown in Table 4.

TABLE 4. Applicants from Emory College to Medical School for Fall 2012 entering class

MCAT Score	Accepted/Applied	% Accepted
36+	37/43	86%
34, 35	25/36	69%
32, 33	47/69	68%
30, 31	42/64	66%
27-29	36/79	46%
24-26	11/46	24%
21-23	2/24	8%
< 21	1/12	8%
Total	201/373	54%

Emory applicants also had an acceptance rate to medical school higher than the national rate from 2009 to 2011, as shown in Table 5. Detailed statistics for MCAT scores and acceptance rates are made available through the Career Center.

TABLE 5. Medical School Acceptance Rates: Emory vs. National

	Emory graduates with GPA's of 3.5 and > and MCAT scores 30+	All Emory Applicants Acceptance Rate	National Applicant Acceptance Rate
2009	80%	48.5%	46%
2010	89%	56%	46%
2011	88%	53%	45%

To better prepare Emory students for admission to medical schools, in fall 2009 the University launched the Emory University Pre-Health Mentoring Office. The office provides guidance, support, and resources to ensure that Emory students seeking medical school admission are well-prepared and competitive at the highest level. The office is a multi-unit partnership between the Emory College, the Career Center, and the Provost's Office.

Division of Educational Studies. MAT students in the Division of Educational Studies consistently have higher pass rates than the state average on the Georgia Assessments for the Certification Examinations, as documented in Table 6. The Division of Educational Studies has implemented an assessment system for monitoring the levels at which MAT candidates meet the INTASC standards. The key assessments of this system currently include Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE), national content field association diagnostic instruments (NCTE, NCTM, NCSS, NSTA), working and professional teaching portfolios, teaching performance evaluations, teacher work samples, disposition evaluations, INTASC surveys, and an ISTE National Educational Technology Standards for Teachers assessment. Table 6 summarizes MAT graduates' performance on the GACE tests.

TABLE 6. Examination pass rates (2012-2013) for Emory MAT graduates taking GA Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE)

Name of Exam	Date(s) Administered	# of Examinees	# of Examinees who Passed	% Examinees Passing	% Statewide Examinees Passing
Biology: Test I (6-12)	10/12	1	1	100%	58%
Biology: Test II (6-12)	10/12	1	1	100%	73%
English: Test I (6-12)	10/12, 1/13	2	2	100%	59%, 68%
English: Test II (6-12)	10/12	2	2	100%	43%

History: Test I (6-12)	10/12	1	1	100%	57%
History: Test II (6-12)	10/12	1	1	100%	58%
Mathematics: Test I (6-12)	3/08	1	1	100%	53%
Mathematics: Test II (6-12)	3/08	1	1	100%	53%
Physics: Test I (6-12)	8/12	1	1	100%	54%
Physics: Test II (6-12)	8/12	1	1	100%	83%
Political Sci: Test I (6-12)	8/12	1	1	100%	80%
Political Sci: Test II (6-12)	8/12	1	1	100%	84%
Middle Grades Language Arts (4-8)	10/12	1	1	100%	73%
Middle Grades Mathematics (4-8)	10/12	1	1	100%	49%
Middle Grades Science (4-8)	3/13	1	1	100%	74%
Middle Grades Social Science (4-8)	10/12	2	2	100%	65%

School of Law. Emory’s pass rates on the bar exam in Georgia have been consistently high over the past three years, surpassing the jurisdiction’s overall rate by more than 15 percentage points in 2012. The pass rates for the graduating classes of 2010-2012 are listed in Table 7.

TABLE 7. Georgia Bar Exam Pass Rates

Georgia Bar Exam		
Class	Emory	Overall
2010	94.87%	83.61%
2011	93.2%	84.77%
2012	98.4%	79.7%

School of Public Health. Some students elect to take the Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) Examination. The School of Public Health has a consistently higher pass rate than the national average with 100 percent passing in April 2011. The National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. reports the following results for RSPH students (Table 8).

TABLE 8. CHES Examination Pass Rates

Percentage Passing CHES Examination		
Exam Date	RSPH	National
2008: April & October	100% (N=22)	79% (N=1412)
2009: April	100% (N=23)	76% (N=932)
2009: October	92% (N=12)	78% (N=499)
2010: April & October	97% (N=38)	74% (N=1593)
2011: April	100% (N=34)	77% (N=1106)