

The mission of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center is to bring the benefits of the health sciences to the achievement and maintenance of human health, with a focus on the citizens of Tennessee and the region, by pursuing an integrated program of education, research, clinical care, and public service.

Each of the professional programs offered at the UTHSC pursues the mission of the institution by producing caring, competent, and ethical patient-focused healthcare professionals prepared to detect, treat and prevent human disease and injury, as well as provide guidance in the achievement and maintenance of human health. The expectation is that every student in each professional program will pass the appropriate licensure examination at or near completion of the program. Similarly, students enrolled in the College of Graduate Health Sciences are expected to complete their studies in a timely manner in their pursuit of being noted scientists in health-related fields of research.

The UTHSC measures student achievement in a number of ways. Basic information about enrollment, degrees conferred by program, and the diversity of the student body can be found in the institutional Fact Book. However, the primary measures of student achievement utilized by the UTHSC are the first time pass rates on the various licensure exams.

College of Medicine: USMLE First Time Pass Rate

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Step 1	91.9%	86.2%	92.6%	96.8%	93.2%
Step 2 CK	98.8%	100%	96.5%	95.3%	98.7%
Step 2 CS	97.2%	97.8%	93.6%	94.6%	97.4%

College of Pharmacy: NAPLEX First Time Pass Rate

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
NAPLEX	98.3%	100%	98.3%	97.1%	95.3%

*Preliminary data

College of Dentistry: NBDE First Time Pass Rate (DDS program)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
NBDE I	95.9%	95.0%	98.8%	100%	98.8%
NBDE II	100%	87.3%	97.1%	97.6%	96.3%

College of Dentistry: NBDHE/Clinical (BSDH program)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
NBDHE	100%	97%	100%	95.8%	96.6%
Clinical Exam	83%	77%	92.6%	95.8%	72.4%

College of Nursing: NCLEX-RN First Time Pass Rate

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
UTHSC	100%*	92%*	87%*	100%**/85%***	100%**
Tennessee	94%	87%	87%	89%	87%
US	90%	83%	82%	84%	84%

*MSN initial licensure students only

**BSN students (complete data)

***MSN initial licensure students (preliminary data) 2015 only

College of Health Professions: BSMLS
Pass Rate – ASCP and NCAML P (combined; 1 year of graduation)

	2013	2014	2015	2016
ASCP/NCAML P	95%	100%	100%	87.5%

College of Health Professions: DPT
First Time Pass Rate – NPTE

	2013	2014	2015	2016
UTHSC	96.6%	98.2%	92.9%	89.8%
US	89.8%	91.3%	91.3%	93.5%

College of Health Professions: MOT
Pass Rates (1 Year of Graduation) – NBCOT

	2013	2014	2015	2016
NBCOT	100%	94%	100%	100%

College of Health Professions: MS-SLP and AUD
First Time Pass Rates – ASHA

	2012/2013		2013/2014		2014/2015		2015/2016	
	SLP	AuD	SLP	AuD	SLP	AuD	SLP	AuD
ASHA	100%	100%	100%	91%	100%	92%	100%	93.8%

College of Graduate Health Sciences
Time to Degree (Average since AY2013)

M.S.	2.2 years
Ph. D.	5.5 years