



Background

The pass percentage benchmark is used by the Bureau of EMS to compare Pennsylvania EMS accredited Education Institutes conducting like programs in contrast to one another.

Method

The pass percentage benchmark is calculated each January, based on cognitive exam data provided by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT). While this information is readily available to each Pennsylvania EMS Educational Institute for their own program, it does provide a detailed comparison to allow Educational Institutes to benchmark themselves to others within the Commonwealth. Additionally, this pass percentage benchmark report may provide additional information to prospective EMS students when exploring their own educational opportunities.

Pass rates are calculated based upon students who have attempted the National Registry cognitive exam. Pennsylvania accredited Education Institutes determine, through successful course completion, which students are eligible for the cognitive exam. Candidates are permitted three attempts at National Registry cognitive exam prior to remediation. Therefore, this is the benchmark criteria chosen for this report.

When calculating the pass percentage benchmark, the Bureau uses three years of historical National Registry data and bases the benchmark number on the pass rates from the “Cumulative Pass Within Three Attempts” at the National Registry Cognitive exam.

Considerations

Candidates for Pennsylvania certification must attempt the exams within one year following course completion, and exhaust all exam attempts within two years (§ 8113 (e)). As a result, the pass percentage report is dynamic and represents a snapshot in time. Pass percentage results may change after the publication of this report.

The data reflected in this report does not account for the number of individuals enrolled in a class, completion of a class, or the number of individuals who have obtained Pennsylvania Certification. For this information, please refer to the specific Educational Institute regarding this information.

EMR Program Ranking

All programs are listed in alphabetical order. The percentage for Emergency Medical Responder cumulative pass rate within three attempts, during the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023, in all Pennsylvania programs is 72% and the National pass percentage average is 73%.

Program Name	Number Attempted the Exam	Cumulative Pass Within 3 Attempts
Altoona Logan Twp. Mobile Medical Emergency Dept. Authority (0068115525)	8	63%
AmServ Ltd DuSan Ambulance Training Institute (0068109924)	12	58%
Bedford Ambulance Emergency Training Cen (090501311)	2	50%
Brockway Ambulance Training Institute (193313311)	11	55%
Bucks County Emergency Health Services (100904331)	9	44%
Butler County Community College (041003231)	38	84%
Centre County Public Safety Training Cen (0068108625)	4	100%
Cetronia Ambulance Corps (023913211)	9	22%
Citizens' Ambulance Service (043209332)	13	54%
Clarion Hospital EMS Training Institute (181600131)	5	80%
Clyde E. Brown Training Institute (033608711)	2	50%
Commonwealth Health Emergency Medical Services (068112228)	1	0%
Community College of Allegheny County (040203831)	148	66%
Community Life Team , Inc. (0068113125)	8	38%
Conemaugh School of EMS (091101731)	10	100%

Delaware County Technical School (122307311)	3	33%
EMS of Northeastern PA Inc (054005031)	2	100%
Eastern Lebanon County School District (033802011)	13	85%
Emergency Health Services Federation (032107531)	26	73%
Emergycare Training Institute/ EFD (182500811)	1	100%
Good Fellowship Club of Chester County (111501231)	19	74%
Greater Valley EMS - Training Institute (010510511)	16	63%
Harrisburg Area Community College (032201021)	41	76%
Indiana University of PA Emerg Serv (043202411)	71	80%
Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center EMS Institute (0068117125)	8	88%
Lutz First Aid and CPR Training, LLC (006811542)	14	79%
Lycoming Tioga Sullivan EMS Council (074104811)	10	60%
Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology (0068112025)	5	80%
Monroe County Public Safety Center (024501611)	6	83%
Moshannon Valley EMS Training Center (0068118325)	9	78%
Northampton Community College (024802711)	2	100%
Northern Pennsylvania Regional College (0068111925)	15	67%
Penn State Fayette (042603331)	47	53%
Penn View Bible Institute (0068116425)	9	67%
Pennsylvania College of Technology (074104931)	9	67%

Philadelphia Fire Department EMS Trainin (145102211)	7	43%
Philadelphia Recruitment and Training EMS Training Institute (0068115225)	12	50%
Port Jervis Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc. (0068116225)	1	100%
Second Alarmers Rescue Squad Training Center (0068114725)	1	100%
Shippensburg Area EMS (0068109625)	4	100%
Suburban EMS Training Institute (0068114425)	4	100%
Superior Ambulance Service EMS Training (184300921)	6	33%
The Pennsylvania State University (081400711)	25	64%
Uwchlan Ambulance Corps Training Institu (11500311)	8	88%
Uwchlan Ambulance Corps and Training Institute (0068109025)	11	100%
Wakefield EMS Training Institute (0068115625)	27	74%
Westmoreland County Community College (046501831)	40	93%