4723-5-23 **Program NCLEX rates.**

- (A) Only a program with full, conditional, or provisional approval shall issue program completion letters to the board for its students.
- (B) If a program has a pass rate on the licensure examination that is less than ninety-five per cent of the national average for first-time candidates in a calendar year the following shall apply:
 - (1) After the first year, the program shall establish a plan indicating action steps to improve the NCLEX scores of its graduates, and submit the plan with the annual report;
 - (2) After two consecutive years, the program shall prepare a report that evaluates the plan of action established after the first year of low NCLEX scores, identify additional steps, and submit the plan with the annual report; and
 - (3) After three consecutive years, a representative of the board shall conduct a survey visit and the board may take action on the approval status of the program.
 - (4) After four consecutive years, a representative of the board may conduct a survey visit and the board shall place the program on provisional approval, <u>or</u>, <u>if the program is on conditional approval status</u>, propose to withdraw <u>conditional approval and deny full approval status according to the</u> <u>procedures contained in Chapter 119. of the Revised Code</u>.
- (C) For the board to consider restoring a program to full approval status after a program is placed on provisional status due to low NCLEX scores, a program shall attain a pass rate that meets or exceeds ninety-five per cent of the national average for first-time candidates for at least two consecutive years.

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