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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, who took the examination within six months of completion of the program, 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, or, if the program is on conditional approval status, propose to withdraw conditional approval and deny full approval status according to the procedures contained in Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.
 - (5) During, or during a relevant time period following, an emergency declared by the state or federal government, or state or local disaster, the board may abstain from changing a program's approval status.
- (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 for at least two consecutive years that meets or exceeds ninety-five per cent of the national average for first-time candidates who took the examination within six months of completion of the program.