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The Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing is fully accredited and maintains continuing accreditation with the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). You can verify our accreditation status on the ACEN website at:

<http://www.acenursing.com/accreditedprograms/programsearch.asp>

For the reporting period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, the NCLEX-RN (National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses) pass rate for our graduates, as reported by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing, is 76.9%, which falls below our expected level of achievement of 80%. As a result, the school is currently on provisional approval status with the PA State Board of Nursing.

The encouraging news is that many graduates have already retaken the NCLEX, and our overall pass rate now exceeds 85%.

Lehigh Valley Health Network, part of Jefferson Health, remains deeply committed to nursing education at the Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing. Over the past six months, we have focused on enhancing our curriculum and clinical experiences, ensuring high standards and academic rigor, updating key policies, and expanding faculty and student support services. These improvements are designed to strengthen your educational experience and better prepare you for success.

Our administration and faculty are dedicated to ensuring that every student is fully prepared for the NCLEX-RN. This includes:

- Providing robust in-person clinical experiences
- Utilizing proctored testing products
- Leveraging our state-of-the-art simulation lab
- Preparing students for success in clinical judgment and Next Generation NCLEX testing

These efforts are grounded in evidence-based strategies designed to promote professional success and competency.

Please be assured that we are fully committed to supporting you every step of the way. With these enhancements and resources in place, we are confident that our students will continue to achieve success and meet the highest standards of nursing practice.

If you have any questions about the pass rate or other concerns, please feel free to contact me at 570-621-5037 or Tina.VanBuren@jefferson.edu

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tina M. VanBuren" followed by "DNP, MSN, RN".

Tina M. VanBuren, DNP, MSN, RN, CNS

Director of Nursing

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