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Certification as a Surgical Technologist Exam Passage Rates

The National Certifying Examination for Surgical Technologists covers the knowledge and skills common to competent entry-level Surgical Technologists in varied settings and geographical locations. NBSTSA committee members designed the examinations to assess the skills that comprise the core body of knowledge for all surgical technologists.

Approved candidates who take and pass the CST® examination are authorized to use the initials CST as long as they maintain certification currency.

CST EXAM PASSAGE RATES

ARC/STSA Annual Report	Number of Graduates Students Taking Exam	Number Who Passed First Exam Taken ¹	Number Who Failed First Exam Taken	Passage Rate
2015	19	11	8	57.9%

¹ Number Who Passed First Exam Taken means is the number of graduate students who took and passed the certification exam on the first attempt as reported on the applicable ARC/STSA Annual Report.