

National Board of Examiners in Optometry Passage Rates

The national board exams for optometry are administered by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO). The NBEO is an independent, non-profit organization whose mission is to protect the public by assessing the competence of practicing optometrists. NBEO examinations are widely accepted for optometric licensure in the United States.

The performance of UABSO students on all parts of this examination, with very rare exceptions, has been highly successful compared to the national average dating back more than twenty years. UABSO students are required to pass both the basic science (Part I) and the clinical science (Part II) sections of this examination to graduate from the program.

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Graduating Class Year	2015	2016	2017
Part I			
UAB 1st Time Takers	78.30%	86.10%	84.09%
National 1st Time Takers	76.90%	78.10%	72.90%
Part II			
UAB 1st Time Takers	87.20%	97.20%	97.73%
National 1st Time Takers	88.10%	87.60%	90.40%
Part III			
UAB 1st Time Takers	92.90%	80.40%	83.78%
National 1st Time Takers	85.90%	83.70%	81.40%
UAB Ultimate Pass Rate	88.10%	89.36%	94.59%
National Ultimate Pass Rate	84.90%	83.78%	