Kiamichi Technology Centers' (KTC) School of Nursing, the largest Career Tech Practical Nursing (PN) Program in the state, had 122 graduates take the national licensure exam in 2010 and pass, giving the KTC District a 100% pass rate for the year. Although the Oklahoma and national pass rate has not been published for 2010, the scores usually average 89.1 and 87.12, respectively. The licensure exam ensures public protection by requiring the graduate to pass the examination measuring competencies needed to safely and effectively utilize the knowledge, skills and abilities that are essential for the entry-level practical nurse to use in order to meet the needs of clients requiring the promotion, maintenance or restoration of health. (National Council of State Boards of Nursing)

A nursing program usually sets a benchmark goal of 92-94% pass rate.

"Often individual KTC PN programs have achieved 100% and our district pass rate has been in the mid to high 90s. But, to achieve a district pass rate of 100% indicates that multiple factors were successful over this school year," said Shelly Hovis, KTC Director of Practical Nursing. (Refer to graph below).

Factors involved include structure, quality and high standards of the program; curriculum; lectures that engage students in critical thinking; clinical rotations and clinical facilities that support training future nurses.

KTC serves 13 counties in Southeastern Oklahoma and covers 11,200 square miles.

The KTC School of Nursing has 10 PN programs offered at nine campuses with a total capacity of 150 PN students. The PN programs are for adult students only (18 years of age and older) and are offered as either full-time option (11 months) or part-time option (18 months – day or evening programs). For a quality nursing education program, pickup an application today at a local KTC campus or visit www.ktc.edu to learn more.