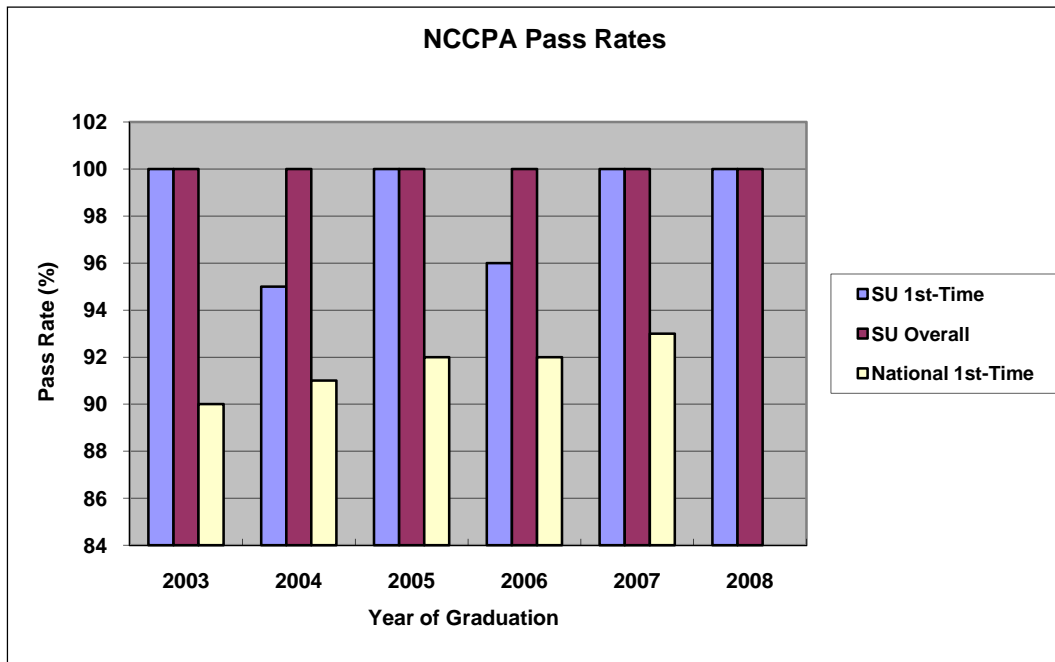


The Shenandoah University Physician Assistant Program is proud of its students' performance on the national certification examination (PANCE). Our pass rate has been consistently above the national rate. While candidates are encouraged to compare first-time taker pass rates between programs; one should recognize that there are many factors beyond the graduate's program of study that may impact certification examination performance and pass rates. The factors include size of the PA Program, commitment to enrolling candidates from disadvantaged backgrounds and personal factors related to the graduate at the time of testing.

The figure below graphically represents the performance of the Shenandoah University PA graduates since inception of the program. As of May 2009, the SU PA Program has graduated 138 students over five years and 137 have taken the national certifying examination.* The Program's overall pass rate for six years is 100% and 98.5% for first-time takers. Only two students in the program's history have failed to pass the national certification examination on the first administration.



* One student was accepted into a family medicine residency program at graduation and elected to not take the PANCE.