

Health Practitioner Licensing

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- Regulate more than 55 categories of licensed/certified health and health related professions including over 200,000 practitioners
- Physician Profile Program
- CT Nurse Aide Registry
- Investigate over 1,000 complaints filed against licensed health practitioners each year
- J-1 Visa Application Review and Approval

Essential Public Health Services

1. Monitor health status to identify health problems
2. Diagnose and investigate health problems & hazards
3. Inform, educate & empower people about health issues
4. Mobilize partnerships to identify & solve health problems
5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and statewide health efforts
6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect health & ensure safety
7. Link to needed personal health services
8. Assure a competent public health and personal health care workforce
9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services
10. Research for new insights & innovative solutions to health problems



Source: APHA, 1994

<http://www.generationpublichealth.org/>

Licensing Statistics

Profession	2009 Licensees	Profession	2009 Licensees
Acupuncturist	332	Optometrist	666
Advanced Emergency Medical Technician	861	Paramedic	1993
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse	31,800	Perfusionist	57
Audiologist	254	Physical Therapist	4,430
Chiropractor	1,034	Physical Therapist Assistant	570
Dental Hygienist	3,560	Physician Assistant	1,690
Dentist	3,253	Physician	16,604
Dietitian/Nutritionist	692	Podiatrist	311
Emergency Medical Technician	11,364	Professional Counselor	1,650
Environmental professions	5,693	Psychologist	1,821
Alcohol and Drug Counselors	1,119	Radiographer	453
Clinical Social worker	5,233	Registered Nurse	54,249
Licensed Practical Nurse	12,496	Registered Sanitarian	424
Occupational Therapist	1,904	Respiratory care practitioner	1,707
Occupational Therapy Asst.	614	Speech and Language Pathologist	2,363

eLicense

- Implemented on-line license renewals for physicians, dentists and nurses in July 2009
- Partnered with the Department of Consumer Protection
- Over 8,000 practitioners have renewed on-line
- Using on-line renewal process to collect workforce data that has previously been unavailable

J-1 Visa Program

- State and Federal Partnership that assists international medical graduates to practice in shortage areas
- Three year service obligation
- DPH role:
 - Facilitate application approval process
 - Identify placement opportunities
 - Facilitate matching

J-1 Visa Program

- Applications are accepted beginning October 1 each year
- FY 2009 24 applications received and approved
- FY 2010 11 applications received and 7 approved to date
- CT now offers FLEX 5 option