



## Licensed Providers in Colorado

The Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies regulates over 50 "Healthcare Professions" and "Occupational Professions and Business Programs." The vast majority are licensing programs; only four of the healthcare professions are registries only (Direct-entry Midwifery, Naturopathic Doctor, Surgical Assistant, Surgical Technology).

Colo. Rev. Stat. § 12-20-102(9) defines a license as "a grant of authority issued by the director or a board or commission pursuant to a part or article of this title 12 that authorizes a person to engage in a profession or occupation regulated by that part or article."

The following are **licensing** programs:

<b>Healthcare Professions</b>	<b>Healthcare Professions cont.</b>	<b>Occupational Professions</b>
Acupuncture	Nursing <sup>3</sup> :	Accountancy <sup>4</sup>
Addiction Counselor <sup>1</sup>	Licensed Practical Nurse	Architect
Athletic Trainer <sup>2</sup>	Volunteer Nurse	Barber and Cosmetology
Audiology	Psychiatric Technicians	Barbers
Chiropractic	Nursing Home Administrator	Hair Stylists
Dentist	Occupational Therapy	Cosmetologists
Dental Hygienist	Optometry	Estheticians
Hearing Aid Provider	Pharmacy	Nail technicians
Marriage and Family Therapy	Physical Therapy	Electrical
Massage Therapy	Podiatry	Master Electrician
Medical:	Professional Counselor	Journeyman Electrician
Anesthesiologist Assistant	Psychology	Residential Wireman
Physician Assistant	Respiratory Therapy	Landscape Architect
Physician	Social Work	Passenger Tramway Engineer
Physician Training	Speech-Language Pathology	Plumbing
	School Speech Language	Private Investigator <sup>5</sup>
	Pathologist	Private Security Guards <sup>6</sup>
	Veterinary	Professional Engineer
		Professional Land Surveyor

Some professions are registered.<sup>7</sup> Colo. Rev. Stat. § 12-20-102 (11) defines registration as "to record the information required by a part or article of this title 12 in the form and manner determined by the regulator that regulates the practice of a profession or occupation pursuant to that part or article."

<sup>1</sup> May be licensed or certified.

<sup>2</sup> Changed from "registered" to "licensed" in 2019. See [HB19-1083](#).

<sup>3</sup> Nurse-midwives are licensed first and then registered.

<sup>4</sup> Can be licensed or registered.

<sup>5</sup> Recently changed from voluntary to mandatory licensure. See Colo. Rev. Stat. § 12-160-102.

<sup>6</sup> [HB21-1120](#) would license Private Security Guards if it passes this session.

<sup>7</sup> Healthcare Profession Registries: Direct-entry Midwifery, Naturopathic Doctor, Surgical Assistant, Surgical Technology, and Advanced Practice Nurses who are also licensed. Occupational/Business Registries: Funeral Homes and Crematories, Nontransplant Tissue Banks, Outfitter, and Passenger Tramway.