



UTAH DEPARTMENT
OF COMMERCE

Office of Professional Licensure Review

CY2025 Proposed List for Annual Review Summary for Business and Labor Interim Committee

October 16, 2024

Licenses Proposed for Review: Nursing and Allied Medical Professions

Department of Commerce, Division of Professional Licensing (DOPL)

- Nurse (56,960 active licensees) Section 58-31b-102
- Occupational Therapist (2,054) Section 58-42a-302
- Physical Therapist (4,414) Section 58-24b-302
- Physician Assistant (2,940) Section 58-70a-302
- Acupuncturist (199) Section 58-72-102
- Athletic Trainer (837) Section 58-40a-102
- Audiologist (433) Section 58-41-2
- Speech Language Pathologist (1,693) Section 58-41-2
- Hearing Instrument Specialist (203) Section 58-46a-102
- Medication Aide Certified (91) Section 58-31b-102
- Midwife (318) Section 58-77-102
- Respiratory Care Practitioner (2,613) Section 58-57-2

Why review nursing and allied medical professions?

Public Impact

- Review one of the largest groups of licensed professionals in Utah
- Address access to healthcare providers due to demand and supply factors
- Select professions that are important to meeting healthcare needs

Timeliness

- Coordinate with other ongoing healthcare initiatives in Utah
- Incorporate new data sources (e.g., HWAC/DOPL workforce survey)
- Assess trends post-pandemic, particularly supply trends

Sequencing

- Approach professions in sequence (nursing before physicians), though may revisit licenses with adjacent or overlapping practice areas
- Prioritize license areas to review that have greater urgency
- Draw conclusions by license area, informed by local considerations