

Missouri Professional Occupations

The IPEDS definition of doctor's degree-professional practice (formerly first professional degree) includes medical and legal occupations.

The Top 10 In-Demand Occupations for that category of programs, based on the total number of annual openings are:

- Lawyers
- Pharmacists
- Physical Therapists
- Physicians, All Other
- Veterinarians
- Clinical and Counseling Psychologists
- Family Medicine Physicians
- Dentists, General
- Chiropractors
- Optometrists

These 10 occupations match to 186 possible academic program CIP codes in six 2-digit CIP categories, using the SOC to CIP crosswalk.

2-Digit CIP	CIP Category	Count of Programs matched to the top 10 occupations
01	Agricultural/Animal/Plant/Veterinary Science and Related Fields	13
22	Legal Professions and Studies	26
42	Psychology	9
51	Health Professions and Related Programs	15
60	Health Professions Residency/Fellowship Programs	56
61	Medical Residency/Fellowship Programs	67

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IPEDS Definition: Doctor's degree-professional practice

A doctor's degree that is conferred upon completion of a program providing the knowledge and skills for the recognition, credential, or license required for professional practice. The degree is awarded after a period of study such that the total time to the degree, including both pre-professional and professional preparation, equals at least six full-time equivalent academic years. Some of these degrees were formerly classified as first-professional and may include: Chiropractic (D.C. or D.C.M.); Dentistry (D.D.S. or D.M.D.); Law (J.D.); Medicine (M.D.); Optometry (O.D.); Osteopathic Medicine (D.O); Pharmacy (Pharm.D.); Podiatry (D.P.M., Pod.D., D.P.); or, Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.), and others, as designated by the awarding institution.

Top 10 Professional Occupations in Missouri, by Annual Openings

SOC Code	Occupation Title	2022 Employment	2032 Projected Employment	Projected Numeric Change	Projected Percentage Change	Annual Openings
23-1011	Lawyers	15,161	16,463	1,302	8.59%	736
29-1051	Pharmacists	7,682	8,605	923	12.02%	393
29-1123	Physical Therapists	5,888	7,091	1,203	20.43%	369
29-1229	Physicians, All Other	4,377	4,612	235	5.37%	143
29-1131	Veterinarians	2,163	2,715	552	25.52%	135
19-3033	Clinical and Counseling Psychologists	1,736	1,929	193	11.12%	105
29-1215	Family Medicine Physicians	3,737	3,780	43	1.15%	103
29-1021	Dentists, General	2,421	2,458	37	1.53%	71
29-1011	Chiropractors	1,155	1,243	88	7.62%	53
29-1041	Optometrists	814	871	57	7.00%	31