

Licensing by Occupational Licensing Boards in North Carolina

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Acupuncture Licensing Board

Established: 1993

Statutory Authority:

[Article 30 of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

Practice of acupuncture or practice acupuncture. - The insertion of acupuncture needles and the application of moxibustion to specific areas of the human body based upon acupuncture diagnosis as a primary mode of therapy. Adjunctive therapies within the scope of acupuncture may include massage, mechanical, thermal, electrical, and electromagnetic treatment and the recommendation of herbs, dietary guidelines, and therapeutic exercise.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Acupuncture

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (1):

- License to Practice Acupuncture – [G.S. 90-455](#)

North Carolina Appraisal Board

Established: 1993

Statutory Authority:

[Article 1 of Chapter 93E](#)

Scope of Practice:

It is unlawful for any person in this State to act as a real estate appraiser, to directly or indirectly engage or assume to engage in the business of real estate appraisal, or to advertise or hold himself or herself out as engaging in or conducting the business of real estate appraisal without first obtaining a registration, license, or certificate issued by the Appraisal Board under the provisions of this Chapter. It is also unlawful, with regard to any real property where any portion of that property is located within this State, for any person to perform any of the acts listed above without first being registered, licensed, or certified by the Appraisal Board under the provisions of this Chapter.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Appraisal

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (1):

- Licensed Real Estate Appraiser – [G.S. 93E-1-6\(a\)\(1a\)](#)

Other Information of Note:

- Registration as a trainee – [G.S. 93E-1-6\(a\)\(1\)](#)
- Certification as a certified residential real estate appraiser – [G.S. 93E-1-6\(a\)\(2\)](#)
- Certification as a certified general real estate appraiser – [G.S. 93E-1-6\(a\)\(3\)](#)

North Carolina Board of Architecture

Established: 1915

Statutory Authority:

[Chapter 83A](#)

Scope of Practice:

Practice of architecture" means performing or offering to perform or holding oneself out as legally qualified to perform professional services in connection with the design, construction, enlargement or alteration of buildings, including consultations, investigations, evaluations, preliminary studies, the preparation of plans, specifications and contract documents, administration of construction contracts and related services or combination of services in connection with the design and construction of buildings, regardless of whether these services are performed in person or as the directing head of an office or organization.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Architecture

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (1):

- Licensed Architect – [G.S. 83A-7](#)

North Carolina Board of Athletic Trainer Examiners

Established: 1997

Statutory Authority:

[Article 34 of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

Athletic trainer. - A person who, under a written protocol with a physician licensed under Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes and filed with the North Carolina Medical Board, carries out the practice of care, prevention, and rehabilitation of injuries incurred by athletes, and who, in carrying out these functions, may use physical modalities, including heat, light, sound, cold, electricity, or mechanical devices related to rehabilitation and treatment.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Athletic Trainer

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (1):

- Licensed Athletic Trainer – [G.S. 90-527](#)

North Carolina Auctioneers Commission

Established: 1973

Statutory Authority:

[Chapter 85B](#)

Scope of Practice:

Auctioneer means any person who conducts or offers to conduct auctions and includes apprentice auctioneers except as stricter standards are specified by this Chapter for apprentice auctioneers. Auction means the sale of goods or real estate by means of exchanges between an auctioneer and members of an audience, the exchanges consisting of a series of invitations for offers made by the auctioneer, offers by members of the audience, and the acceptance by the auctioneer of the highest or most favorable offer.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Auctioneer

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (2):

- Licensed Auctioneer – [G.S. 85B-4](#)
- Apprentice Auctioneer – [G.S. 85B-4](#)

Other Information of Note:

- Auction Firm – [G.S. 85B-4](#)

State Board of Barber Examiners

Established: 1929

Statutory Authority:

[Chapter 86A](#)

Scope of Practice:

Any one or combination of the following practices constitutes the practice of barbering in the purview of this Chapter:

- Shaving or trimming the beard, or cutting the hair;
- Dyeing the hair or applying hair tonics, permanent waving or marcelling the hair;
- Giving facial or scalp massages, or treatments with oils, creams, lotions or other preparations either by hand or mechanical appliances.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Barbering

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (3):

- Certificate of Registration as a Registered Barber – [G.S. 86A-1](#)
- Certificate of Registration as a Registered Apprentice Barber – [G.S. 86A-1](#), [G.S. 86A-24](#)
- Instructor's Certificate – [G.S. 86A-23](#)

Cape Fear River Navigation and Pilotage Commission

Established: 1981

Statutory Authority:

[Subchapter 1 of Chapter 76A](#)

Scope of Practice:

In consideration of the requirement for the safe and expeditious movement of waterborne commerce on the navigable waters of the State, it is deemed necessary to establish the Cape Fear Navigation and Pilotage Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission. The Commission shall have the exclusive power to license and regulate a group of river pilots familiar with the waters of the Cape Fear River and Bar to best guide vessels within those waters and to exercise authority over navigation in the Cape Fear and Bar and to and from the sea buoy of the port.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Cape Fear River Pilot

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (3):

- Limited License – [G.S. 76A-6\(1\)](#)
- Full License – [G.S. 76A-6\(2\)](#)
- Apprentice License – [G.S. 76A-6\(3\)](#)

North Carolina Cemetery Commission

Established: 1975

Statutory Authority:

[Article 9 of Chapter 65](#)

Scope of Practice:

The provisions of this Article shall apply to all persons engaged in the business of operating a cemetery as defined herein, except cemeteries owned and operated by governmental agencies or churches.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Sale of Cemetery Property

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (1):

- License to Sell Preneed Cemetery Property – G.S. 65-58

Other Information of Note:

The following licenses are issued to legal entities:

- License to Operate a Cemetery Company – [G.S. 65-55](#)
- License to Engage in the Business of a Cemetery Sales Organization – [G.S. 65-57](#)
- License to Engage in the Business of a Cemetery Management Organization – [G.S. 65-57](#)
- License to Engage in the Business of a Cemetery Broker – [G.S. 65-57](#)

State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Established: 1917

Statutory Authority:

[Article 8 of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

Chiropractic is herein defined to be the science of adjusting the cause of disease by realigning the spine, releasing pressure on nerves radiating from the spine to all parts of the body, and allowing the nerves to carry their full quota of health current (nerve energy) from the brain to all parts of the body.

Occupations Licensed (3):

- Chiropractic
- Chiropractic Diagnostic Imaging Technician
- Chiropractic Clinical Assistant

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (3):

- License to Practice Chiropractic – [G.S. 90-143](#)
- Certification of Chiropractic Diagnostic Imaging Technicians – [G.S. 90-143.2](#)
- Certification of Competency for Chiropractic Clinical Assistants – [G.S. 90-143.4](#)

State Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners

Established: 1933

Statutory Authority:

[Chapter 88B](#)

Scope of Practice:

All or any part or combination of cosmetology, esthetics, natural hair care, or manicuring, including the systematic manipulation with the hands or mechanical apparatus of the scalp, face, neck, shoulders, hands, and feet. Practices included within this subdivision shall not include the practice of massage or bodywork therapy as set forth in Article 36 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes.

- Cosmetology. - The act of arranging, dressing, curling, waving, cleansing, cutting, singeing, bleaching, coloring, or similar work upon the hair of a person by any means, including the use of hands, mechanical or electrical apparatus, or appliances or by use of cosmetic or chemical preparations or antiseptics.
- Esthetics. - Refers to any of the following practices: giving facials; applying makeup; performing skin care; removing superfluous hair from the body of a person by use of creams, tweezers, or waxing; applying eyelashes to a person, including the application of eyelash extensions, brow or lash color; beautifying the face, neck, arms, or upper part of the human body by use of cosmetic preparations, antiseptics, tonics, lotions, or creams; surface manipulation in relation to skin care; or cleaning or stimulating the face, neck, ears, arms, hands, bust, torso, legs, or feet of a person by means of hands, devices, apparatus, or appliances along with the use of cosmetic preparations, antiseptics, tonics, lotions, or creams.
- Manicuring. - The care and treatment of the fingernails, toenails, cuticles on fingernails and toenails, and the hands and feet, including the decoration of the fingernails and the application of nail extensions and artificial nails. The term "manicuring" shall not include the treatment of pathologic conditions.
- Natural hair care. - A service that results in tension on hair strands or roots by twisting, wrapping, extending, or locking hair by hand or mechanical device. For purposes of this definition, the phrase "natural hair care" shall include the use of artificial or natural hair.

Occupations Licensed (8):

- Cosmetology
- Esthetics
- Manicuring
- Natural Hair Care
- Cosmetology Teacher
- Esthetics Teacher
- Manicuring Teacher
- Natural Hair Care Teacher

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (9):

- Licensed Cosmetologist – [G.S. 88B-7](#)
- Licensed Cosmetologist Apprentice – [G.S. 88B-8](#)
- Licensed Esthetician – [G.S. 88B-9](#)
- Licensed Manicurist – [G.S. 88B-10](#)
- Licensed Natural Hair Care Specialist – [G.S. 88B-10.1](#)
- Licensed Cosmetologist Teacher – [G.S. 88B-11\(b\)](#)
- Licensed Esthetician Teacher – [G.S. 88B-11\(c\)](#)

- Licensed Manicurist Teacher – [G.S. 88B-11\(d\)](#)
- Licensed Natural Hair Care Specialist Teacher – [G.S. 88B-11\(e\)](#)

State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

Established: 1925

Statutory Authority:

[Chapter 93](#)

Scope of Practice:

A person is engaged in the "public practice of accountancy" who holds himself out to the public as a certified public accountant or an accountant and in consideration of compensation received or to be received offers to perform or does perform, for other persons, services which involve the auditing or verification of financial transactions, books, accounts, or records, or the preparation, verification or certification of financial, accounting and related statements intended for publication or renders professional services or assistance in or about any and all matters of principle or detail relating to accounting procedure and systems, or the recording, presentation or certification and the interpretation of such service through statements and reports. A "certified public accountant" is a person who holds a certificate as a certified public accountant issued under the provisions of this Chapter. An "accountant" is a person engaged in the public practice of accountancy who is not a certified public accountant as defined in this Chapter.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Certified Public Accountant

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (1):

- Certificate of Qualification to Practice as a Certified Public Accountant – [G.S. 93-2](#), [G.S. 93-3](#)

Other Information of Note:

Accountants who do not hold themselves as Certified Public Accounts do not require licensure.

North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners

Established: 1935

Statutory Authority:

[Article 2 of Chapter 90](#)

[Article 16 of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

A person shall be deemed to be practicing dentistry in this State who does, undertakes or attempts to do, or claims the ability to do any one or more of the following acts or things which, for the purposes of this Article, constitute the practice of dentistry:

1. Diagnoses, treats, operates, or prescribes for any disease, disorder, pain, deformity, injury, deficiency, defect, or other physical condition of the human teeth, gums, alveolar process, jaws, maxilla, mandible, or adjacent tissues or structures of the oral cavity;
2. Removes stains, accretions or deposits from the human teeth;
3. Extracts a human tooth or teeth;
4. Performs any phase of any operation relative or incident to the replacement or restoration of all or a part of a human tooth or teeth with any artificial substance, material or device;
5. Corrects the malposition or malformation of the human teeth;
6. Administers an anesthetic of any kind in the treatment of dental or oral diseases or physical conditions, or in preparation for or incident to any operation within the oral cavity; provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply to a lawfully qualified nurse anesthetist who administers such anesthetic under the supervision and direction of a licensed dentist or physician;
7. Takes or makes an impression of the human teeth, gums or jaws;
8. Makes, builds, constructs, furnishes, processes, reproduces, repairs, adjusts, supplies or professionally places in the human mouth any prosthetic denture, bridge, appliance, corrective device, or other structure designed or constructed as a substitute for a natural human tooth or teeth or as an aid in the treatment of the malposition or malformation of a tooth or teeth, except to the extent the same may lawfully be performed in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 90-29.1 and 90-29.2;
9. Uses a Roentgen or X-ray machine or device for dental treatment or diagnostic purposes, or gives interpretations or readings of dental Roentgenograms or X rays;
10. Performs or engages in any of the clinical practices included in the curricula of recognized dental schools or colleges;
11. Owns, manages, supervises, controls or conducts, either himself or by and through another person or other persons, any enterprise wherein any one or more of the acts or practices set forth in subdivisions (1) through (10) above are done, attempted to be done, or represented to be done;
12. Uses, in connection with his name, any title or designation, such as "dentist," "dental surgeon," "doctor of dental surgery," "D.D.S.," "D.M.D.," or any other letters, words or descriptive matter which, in any manner, represents him as being a dentist able or qualified to do or perform any one or more of the acts or practices set forth in subdivisions (1) through (10) above;
13. Represents to the public, by any advertisement or announcement, by or through any media, the ability or qualification to do or perform any of the acts or practices set forth in subdivisions (1) through (10) above.

Occupations Licensed (2):

- Dentistry
- Dental Hygiene

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (3):

- License to Practice Dentistry – [G.S. 90-29](#)
- License to Practice Dental Hygiene – [G.S. 90-223](#)
- Instructor's License – [G.S. 90-29.5](#)

Other Information of Note:

- Provisional Dentistry License – [G.S. 90-29.3](#)
- Dental Intern Permit – [G.S. 90-29.4](#)
- Permit for use of General Anesthesia and Enteral and Parenteral Sedation by Dentists – [G.S. 90-30.1](#)
- Limited Volunteer Dental License – [G.S. 90-37.1](#)
- Provisional License to Practice Dental Hygiene – [G.S. 90-226](#)

North Carolina Board of Dietetics/Nutrition

Established: 1991

Statutory Authority:

[Article 25 of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

Dietetics/nutrition" means the integration and application of principles derived from the science of nutrition, biochemistry, physiology, food, and management and from behavioral and social sciences to achieve and maintain a healthy status. The primary function of dietetic/nutrition practice is the provision of nutrition care services. Nutrition care services means any, part or all of the following:

- Assessing the nutritional needs of individuals and groups, and determining resources and constraints in the practice setting.
- Establishing priorities, goals, and objectives that meet nutritional needs and are consistent with available resources and constraints.
- Providing nutrition counseling in health and disease.
- Developing, implementing, and managing nutrition care systems.
- Evaluating, making changes in, and maintaining appropriate standards of quality in food and nutrition services.

Nutrition care services does not include the retail sale of food products or vitamins.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Dietitian/Nutritionist

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (1):

- Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist – [G.S. 90-357](#)

Other Information of Note:

- Provisional Dietitian/Nutritionist License – [G.S. 90-361](#)

State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors

Established: 1937

Statutory Authority:

[Article 4 of Chapter 87](#)

Scope of Practice:

Electrical contracting shall be defined as engaging or offering to engage in the business of installing, maintaining, altering or repairing any electric work, wiring, devices, appliances or equipment.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Electrical Contractor

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (4):

Licenses to Engage in Electrical Contracting – [G.S. 87-43](#)

- Limited License (Permitted to engage in a single electrical contracting project of a value, as established by the Board, not in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and on which the equipment or installation in the contract is rated at not more than 600 volts) – [G.S. 87-43.3](#)
- Intermediate license (Permitted to engage in a single electrical contracting project of a value, as established by the Board, not in excess of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)) – [G.S. 87-43.3](#)
- Unlimited license (Permitted to engage in any electrical contracting project regardless of value) – [G.S. 87-43.3](#)
- Residential dwelling license (Permits an electric contractor to engage in electrical contracting projects pertaining to single-family detached residential dwellings) – [G.S. 87-43.4](#)

Other Information of Note:

Board may issue other Restricted classifications – [G.S. 87-43.3](#)

- Fire Alarm / Low Voltage – [21 NCAC 18B .0804](#)
- Elevator– [21 NCAC 18B .0806](#)
- Plumbing, Heating, and Air Conditioning– [21 NCAC 18B .0807](#)
- Groundwater Pump– [21 NCAC 18B .0808](#)
- Electric Sign– [21 NCAC 18B .0809](#)
- Swimming Pool– [21 NCAC 18B .0810](#)

North Carolina Board of Electrolysis Examiners

Established: 1989

Statutory Authority:

[Chapter 88A](#)

Scope of Practice:

Electrology means the art and practice relating to the removal of hair from the normal skin of the human body by application of an electric current to the hair papilla by means of a needle or needles so as to cause growth inactivity of the hair papilla and thus permanently remove the hair.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Electrology

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (3):

- Electrologist License – [G.S. 88A-4](#), [G.S. 88A-10](#)
- Laser Hair Practitioner License – [G.S. 88A-11.1](#)
- Electrology Instructor License – [G.S. 88A-17](#)

Other Information of Note:

- Certification as Board-Approved School of Electrology – [G.S. 88A-19](#)
- Certification as a Board-Approved School of Laser, Light Source, or Pulsed-Light Treatments – [G.S. 88A-19.1](#)

State Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors

Established: 1921

Statutory Authority:

[Chapter 89C](#)

Scope of Practice:

Practice of engineering. - Any service or creative work, the adequate performance of which requires engineering education, training, and experience, in the application of special knowledge of the mathematical, physical, and engineering sciences to such services or creative work as consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, and design of engineering works and systems, planning the use of land and water, engineering surveys, and the observation of construction for the purposes of assuring compliance with drawings and specifications, including the consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, and design for either private or public use, in connection with any utilities, structures, buildings, machines, equipment, processes, work systems, projects, and industrial or consumer products or equipment of a mechanical, electrical, hydraulic, pneumatic or thermal nature, insofar as they involve safeguarding life, health or property, and including such other professional services as may be necessary to the planning, progress and completion of any engineering services. A person shall be construed to practice or offer to practice engineering, within the meaning and intent of this Chapter, who practices any branch of the profession of engineering; or who, by verbal claim, sign, advertisement, letterhead, card, or in any other way represents the person to be a professional engineer, or through the use of some other title implies that the person is a professional engineer or that the person is licensed under this Chapter; or who holds the person out as able to perform, or who does perform any engineering service or work not exempted by this Chapter, or any other service designated by the practitioner which is recognized as engineering. The term "practice of engineering" shall not be construed to permit the location, description, establishment or reestablishment of property lines or descriptions of land boundaries for conveyance. The term does not include the assessment of an underground storage tank required by applicable rules at closure or change in service unless there has been a discharge or release of the product from the tank.

Practice of land surveying. - Providing professional services such as consultation, investigation, testimony, evaluation, planning, mapping, assembling, and interpreting reliable scientific measurements and information relative to the location, size, shape, or physical features of the earth, improvements on the earth, the space above the earth, or any part of the earth, whether the gathering of information for the providing of these services is accomplished by conventional ground measurements, by aerial photography, by global positioning via satellites, or by a combination of any of these methods, and the utilization and development of these facts and interpretations into an orderly survey map, plan, report, description, or project. The practice of land surveying includes the following:

- Locating, relocating, establishing, laying out, or retracing any property line, easement, or boundary of any tract of land;
- Locating, relocating, establishing, or laying out the alignment or elevation of any of the fixed works embraced within the practice of professional engineering;
- Making any survey for the subdivision of any tract of land, including the topography, alignment and grades of streets and incidental drainage within the subdivision, and the preparation and perpetuation of maps, record plats, field note records, and property descriptions that represent these surveys;
- Determining, by the use of the principles of land surveying, the position for any survey monument or reference point, or setting, resetting, or replacing any survey monument or reference point;
- Determining the configuration or contour of the earth's surface or the position of fixed objects on the earth's surface by measuring lines and angles and applying the principles of mathematics or photogrammetry;

- Providing geodetic surveying which includes surveying for determination of the size and shape of the earth both horizontally and vertically and the precise positioning of points on the earth utilizing angular and linear measurements through spatially oriented spherical geometry; and
- Creating, preparing, or modifying electronic or computerized data, including land information systems and geographic information systems relative to the performance of the practice of land surveying.

The term "practice of land surveying" shall not be construed to permit the design or preparation of specifications for (i) major highways; (ii) wastewater systems; (iii) wastewater or industrial waste treatment works; (iv) pumping or lift stations; (v) water supply, treatment, or distribution systems; (vi) streets or storm sewer systems except as incidental to a subdivision.

Occupations Licensed (2):

- Engineering
- Land Surveying

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (2):

- Professional Engineer – [G.S. 89C-13\(a\)](#)
- Professional Land Surveyor – [G.S. 89C-13\(b\)](#)

Other Information of Note:

- Licensure of Corporations and Business Firms that Engage in the Practice of Engineering or Land Surveying – [G.S. 89C-24](#)

State Board of Environmental Health Specialist Examiners

Established: 1959

Statutory Authority:

[Article 4 of Chapter 90A](#)

Scope of Practice:

Environmental health practice means the provision of environmental health services, including administration, organization, management, education, enforcement, and consultation regarding environmental health services provided to or for the public. These services are offered to prevent environmental hazards and promote and protect the health of the public in the following areas: food, lodging, and institutional sanitation; on-site wastewater treatment and disposal; public swimming pool sanitation; childhood lead poisoning prevention; well permitting and inspection; tattoo parlor sanitation; and all other areas of environmental health requiring the delegation of authority by the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services to State and local environmental health professionals to enforce rules adopted by the Commission for Public Health. The definition also includes local environmental health professionals enforcing rules of local boards of health for on-site wastewater systems and wells.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Environmental Health Practice

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (2):

- Registered Environmental Health Specialist – [G.S. 90A-50](#), [G.S. 90A-52](#)
- Registered Environmental Health Specialist Intern – [G.S. 90A-50](#), [G.S. 90A-52](#)

North Carolina State Board of Examiners of Fee-Based Practicing Pastoral Counselors

Licenses

Established: 1991

Statutory Authority:

[Article 26 of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

Fee-based professional pastoral counseling services. - The application of pastoral care and pastoral counseling principles and procedures for a fee or other compensation with the purpose of understanding, anticipating, or influencing the behavior of individuals in order to assist in their attainment of maximum personal growth; optimal work, marital, family, church, school, social, and interpersonal relationships; and healthy personal adaptation. The application of pastoral care and pastoral psychotherapy principles and procedures includes sustaining, healing, shepherding, nurturing, guiding, and reconciling; interviewing, counseling, and using psychotherapy, diagnosing, preventing, and ameliorating difficulties in living; and resolving interpersonal and social conflict. Teaching, writing, the giving of public speeches or lectures, and research concerned with pastoral care and counseling principles are not included in professional pastoral counseling services within the meaning of this Article.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Fee-Based Professional Pastoral Counseling

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (1):

- Certificate to Practice Fee-Based Pastoral Counseling – [G.S. 90-387](#)

State Board of Registration for Foresters

Established: 1975

Statutory Authority:

[Chapter 89B](#)

Scope of Practice:

Forestry means the professional practice embracing the science, business, and the art of creating, conserving, and managing forests and forestlands for the sustained use and enjoyment of their resources, material, or other forest produce.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Forestry

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (1):

- Registration as a Registered Forester – [G.S. 89B-9](#)

North Carolina Board of Funeral Service

Established: 1901

Statutory Authority:

[Article 13A of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

- "Practice of funeral service" means engaging in the care or disposition of dead human bodies or in the practice of disinfecting and preparing by embalming or otherwise dead human bodies for the funeral service, transportation, burial or cremation, or in the practice of funeral directing or embalming as presently known, whether under these titles or designations or otherwise. Practice of funeral service also means engaging in making arrangements for funeral service, selling funeral supplies to the public or making financial arrangements for the rendering of such services or the sale of such supplies.
- "Embalming" means the preservation and disinfection or attempted preservation and disinfection of dead human bodies by application of chemicals externally or internally or both and the practice of restorative art including the restoration or attempted restoration of the appearance of a dead human body. Embalming shall not include the washing or use of soap and water to cleanse or prepare a dead human body for disposition by the authorized agents, family, or friends of the deceased who do so privately without pay or as part of the ritual washing and preparation of dead human bodies prescribed by religious practices; provided, that no dead human body shall be handled in a manner inconsistent with G.S. 130A-395.
- "Funeral directing" means engaging in the practice of funeral service except embalming.

Occupations Licensed (3):

- Funeral Directing
- Funeral Service
- Embalming

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (3):

- License for the Practice of Funeral Directing – [G.S. 90-210.25\(a\)\(1\)](#)
- License for the Practice of Embalming – [G.S. 90-210.25\(a\)\(2\)](#)
- License for the Practice of Funeral Service – [G.S. 90-210.25\(a\)\(3\)](#)

North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors

Established: 1925

Statutory Authority:

[Article 1 of Chapter 87](#)

Scope of Practice:

For the purpose of this Article any person or firm or corporation who for a fixed price, commission, fee, or wage, undertakes to bid upon or to construct or who undertakes to superintend or manage, on his own behalf or for any person, firm, or corporation that is not licensed as a general contractor pursuant to this Article, the construction of any building, highway, public utilities, grading or any improvement or structure where the cost of the undertaking is thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) or more, or undertakes to erect a North Carolina labeled manufactured modular building meeting the North Carolina State Building Code, shall be deemed to be a general contractor engaged in the business of general contracting in the State of North Carolina.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- General Contractor

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (3):

- Limited License – Entitled to act as general contractor for any single project with a value of up to five hundred thousand dollars \$500,000 – [G.S. 87-10\(a\)](#)
- Intermediate License – Entitled to act as general contractor for any single project with a value of up to \$1,000,000 – [G.S. 87-10\(a\)](#)
- Unlimited License – Entitled to act as general contractor without restriction as to value of any single project – [G.S. 87-10\(a\)](#)

Other Information of Note:

Certificates to engage as a general contractor may be limited into five classifications – [G.S. 87-10\(b\)](#)

- Building Contractor
- Residential Contractor
- Highway Contractor
- Public Utilities Contractor
- Specialty Contractor

North Carolina Board for Licensing of Geologists

Established: 1984

Statutory Authority:

[Chapter 89E](#)

Scope of Practice:

"Public practice of geology" means the performance for others of geological service or work in the nature of work or consultation, investigation, surveys, evaluations, planning, mapping and inspection of geological work, in which the performance is related to the public welfare of safeguarding of life, health, property and the environment, except as specifically exempted by this Chapter. The definition shall not include or allow the practice of engineering as defined in Chapter 89C of the North Carolina General Statutes. "Geology" means the science dealing with the earth and its history; investigation, prediction and location of the materials and structures which compose it; the natural processes that cause change in the earth; and the applied science of utilizing knowledge of the earth and its constituent rocks, minerals, liquids, gases and other materials for the benefit of mankind. This definition shall not include any of the following:

- Service or creative works, the adequate performance of which requires engineering education, training, and experience.
- The assessment of an underground storage tank required by applicable rules at closure or change in service unless there has been a discharge or release of the product from the tank.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Geology

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (1):

- Licensed Geologist – [G.S. 89E-9](#)

North Carolina State Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board

Established: 1969

Statutory Authority:

[Chapter 93D](#)

Scope of Practice:

The scope of practice of a hearing aid specialist regulated pursuant to this Chapter shall include the following activities:

- Fitting and selling hearing aids.
- Eliciting patient histories.
- Performing hearing evaluations.
- Administering and interpreting tests of human hearing.
- Referring, as appropriate, for cochlear implant evaluation or other clinical, rehabilitative, or medical intervention.
- Determining candidacy for hearing aids, tinnitus management devices, and other assistive listening devices.
- Providing hearing aid, tinnitus management device, and assistive device recommendations and selection.
- Performing hearing aid fittings, programming, and adjustments.
- Assessing hearing aid efficacy utilizing appropriate fitting verification methodology.
- Performing hearing aid repairs.
- Administering cerumen management in the course of examining ears.
- Making ear impressions, and preparing, designing, and modifying ear molds.
- Providing counseling and rehabilitation services related to hearing aids.
- Providing supervision and in-service training for apprentices in fitting and selling hearing aids.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Hearing Aid Dealer and Fitter (Hearing Aid Specialist)

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (2):

- Hearing Aid Specialist – [G.S. 93D-5](#)
- Registered Hearing Aid Specialist Apprentice – [G.S. 93D-9](#)

North Carolina Interpreter and Transliterators Licensing Board

Established: 2002

Statutory Authority:

[Chapter 90D](#)

Scope of Practice:

The practice of manual or oral interpreting and transliterating services affects the public health, safety, and welfare, and therefore the licensure of these practices is necessary to ensure minimum standards of competency and to provide the public with safe and accurate manual or oral interpreting or transliterating services. It is the purpose of this Chapter to provide for the regulation of persons offering manual or oral interpreting or transliterating services to individuals who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, or dependent on the use of manual modes of communication in this State. Interpreting is the process of providing accessible communication, between and among persons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing and those who are hearing. This process includes, but is not limited to, communication between American Sign Language and English. It may also involve various other modalities that involve visual, gestural, and tactile methods. Transliterating is the process of providing accessible communication between one or more hearing persons and one or more deaf or hard-of-hearing persons using a form of manually coded English.

Occupations Licensed (2):

- Interpreter
- Transliterators

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (2):

- Licensed Interpreter – [G.S. 90D-7](#)
- Licensed Transliterators – [G.S. 90D-7](#)

Other Information of Note:

- Provisional Interpreter License – [G.S. 90D-8](#)
- Provisional Transliterators License – [G.S. 90D-8](#)

North Carolina Irrigation Contractors' Licensing Board

Established: 2009

Statutory Authority:

[Chapter 89G](#)

Scope of Practice:

Irrigation construction or irrigation contracting is the act of providing services as an irrigation contractor for compensation or other consideration. An irrigation contractor is any person who, for compensation or other consideration, constructs, installs, expands, services, or repairs irrigation systems. An irrigation system is all piping, fittings, sprinklers, drip tubing, valves, control wiring of 30 volts or less, and associated components installed for the delivery and application of water for the purpose of irrigation that are downstream of a well, pond or other surface water, potable water or groundwater source, or grey water source and downstream of a backflow prevention assembly. Surface water, potable water or groundwater sources, water taps, utility piping, water service lines, water meters, backflow prevention assemblies, stormwater systems that service only the interior of a structure, and sanitary drainage systems are not part of an irrigation system.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Irrigation Contracting

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (1):

- Licensed Irrigation Contractor – [G.S. 89G-6](#)

Other Information of Note:

The Board may issue a license in the name of a business entity – [G.S. 89G-6.1](#)

North Carolina Board of Landscape Architects

Established: 1969

Statutory Authority:

[Chapter 89A](#)

Scope of Practice:

Landscape architecture or the practice of landscape architecture. - The performance of services in connection with the development of land areas where, and to the extent that the dominant purpose of the services is the preservation, enhancement or determination of proper land uses, natural land features, ground cover and planting, naturalistic and aesthetic values, the settings, approaches or environment for structures or other improvements, natural drainage and the consideration and determination of inherent problems of the land relating to the erosion, wear and tear, blight or other hazards. This practice shall include the preparation of plans and specifications and supervising the execution of projects involving the arranging of land and the elements set forth in this subsection used in connection with the land for public and private use and enjoyment, embracing the following, all in accordance with the accepted professional standards of public health, safety and welfare:

- The location and orientation of buildings and other similar site elements.
- The location, routing and design of public and private streets, residential and commercial subdivision roads, or roads in and providing access to private or public developments. This does not include the preparation of construction plans for proposed roads classified as major thoroughfares or a higher classification.
- The location, routing and design of private and public pathways and other travelways.
- The preparation of planting plans.
- The design of surface or incidental subsurface drainage systems, soil conservation and erosion control measures necessary to an overall landscape plan and site design

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Landscape Architecture

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (1):

- Licensed Landscape Architect – [G.S. 89A-4](#)

North Carolina Landscape Contractors' Licensing Board

Established: 2015

Statutory Authority:

[Chapter 89D](#)

Scope of Practice:

Landscape construction or contracting is the act of providing services as a landscape contractor, as defined in this section, for compensation or other consideration. A landscape contractor is any person who, for compensation or other consideration, does any of the following:

- Engages in the business requiring the art, experience, ability, knowledge, science, and skill to prepare contracts and bid for the performance of landscape services, including installing, planting, repairing, and managing gardens, lawns, shrubs, vines, trees, or other decorative vegetation, including the finish grading and preparation of plots and areas of land for decorative utilitarian treatment and arrangement.
- Practices the act of horticulture consultation or planting design for employment purposes.
- Constructs, installs, or maintains landscape drainage systems and cisterns; provided the landscaping contractor makes no connection to pipes, fixtures, apparatus, or appurtenances installed upon the premises, or in a building, to supply water thereto or convey sewage or other waste therefrom as defined in G.S. 87-21.
- Designs, installs, or maintains low-voltage landscape lighting systems, provided (i) the work does not exceed the scope of the exception set forth in G.S. 87-43.1(7) and (ii) the low-voltage lighting systems do not exceed 50 volts and constitute a Class II or Class III cord and plug connected power system.
- Engages in the construction of garden pools, retaining walls, walks, patios, or other decorative landscape features.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Landscape Contracting

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (1):

- Licensed Landscape Contractor – [G.S. 89D-16](#)

Other Information of Note:

The Board may issue a license in the name of a business entity – [G.S. 89D-17](#)

North Carolina Board of Law Examiners

Established: 1933

Statutory Authority:

[Chapter 84](#)

Scope of Practice:

The phrase "practice law" as used in this Chapter is defined to be performing any legal service for any other person, firm or corporation, with or without compensation, specifically including the preparation or aiding in the preparation of deeds, mortgages, wills, trust instruments, inventories, accounts or reports of guardians, trustees, administrators or executors, or preparing or aiding in the preparation of any petitions or orders in any probate or court proceeding; abstracting or passing upon titles, the preparation and filing of petitions for use in any court, including administrative tribunals and other judicial or quasi-judicial bodies, or assisting by advice, counsel, or otherwise in any legal work; and to advise or give opinion upon the legal rights of any person, firm or corporation: Provided, that the above reference to particular acts which are specifically included within the definition of the phrase "practice law" shall not be construed to limit the foregoing general definition of the term, but shall be construed to include the foregoing particular acts, as well as all other acts within the general definition. The phrase "practice law" does not encompass the drafting or writing of memoranda of understanding or other mediation summaries by mediators at community mediation centers authorized by G.S. 7A-38.5 or by mediators of employment-related matters for The University of North Carolina or a constituent institution, or for an agency, commission, or board of the State of North Carolina.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Attorney

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (1):

- License to Practice Law – [G.S. 84-24](#)

North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors

Established: 1983

Statutory Authority:

[Article 24 of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

The practice of counseling means holding oneself out to the public as a professional counselor offering counseling services that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Counseling. - Assisting individuals, groups, and families through the counseling relationship by evaluating and treating mental disorders and other conditions through the use of a combination of clinical mental health and human development principles, methods, diagnostic procedures, treatment plans, and other psychotherapeutic techniques, to develop an understanding of personal problems, to define goals, and to plan action reflecting the client's interests, abilities, aptitudes, and mental health needs as these are related to personal-social-emotional concerns, educational progress, and occupations and careers.
- Appraisal Activities. - Administering and interpreting tests for assessment of personal characteristics.
- Consulting. - Interpreting scientific data and providing guidance and personnel services to individuals, groups, or organizations.
- Referral Activities. - Identifying problems requiring referral to other specialists.
- Research Activities. - Designing, conducting, and interpreting research with human subjects.

The practice of counseling does not include the facilitation of communication, understanding, reconciliation, and settlement of conflicts by mediators at community mediation centers authorized by G.S. 7A-38.5.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Professional Counseling

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (3):

- Licensed Professional Counselor Associate – [G.S. 90-336\(b\)\(1\)](#)
- Licensed Professional Counselor – [G.S. 90-336\(b\)\(2\)](#)
- Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor – [G.S. 90-336\(b\)\(3\)](#)

North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board

Established: 2001

Statutory Authority:

[Chapter 74F](#)

Scope of Practice:

Locksmith services include repairing, rebuilding, rekeying, repinning, servicing, adjusting, or installing locks, mechanical or electronic locking devices, access control devices, egress control devices, safes, vaults, and safe-deposit boxes for compensation or other consideration, including services performed by safe technicians. The definition also includes any method of bypassing a locking mechanism of any kind, whether in a commercial, residential, or automotive setting, for compensation.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Locksmith Services

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (2):

- License to Provide Locksmith Services – [G.S. 74F-3](#)
- Locksmith Apprentice – [G.S. 74F-7.1](#)

North Carolina Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board

Established: 1979

Statutory Authority:

[Article 18C of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

Marriage and family therapy is the clinical practice, within the context of individual, couple, and marriage and family systems, of the diagnosis and treatment of psychosocial aspects of mental and emotional disorders. Marriage and family therapy involves the professional application of psychotherapeutic and family systems theories and techniques in the delivery of services to families, couples, and individuals for the purpose of treating these diagnosed mental and emotional disorders. Marriage and family therapy includes referrals to and collaboration with health care and other professionals when appropriate.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Marriage and Family Therapy

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (2):

- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist – [G.S. 90-270-54](#)
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associate – [G.S. 90-270-54A](#)

North Carolina Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy

Established: 1998

Statutory Authority:

[Article 36 of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

Massage and bodywork therapy includes systems of activity applied to the soft tissues of the human body for therapeutic, educational, or relaxation purposes. The application may include:

- Pressure, friction, stroking, rocking, kneading, percussion, or passive or active stretching within the normal anatomical range of movement.
- Complementary methods, including the external application of water, heat, cold, lubricants, and other topical preparations.
- The use of mechanical devices that mimic or enhance actions that may possibly be done by the hands.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Massage Therapy and Bodywork

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (1):

- Licensed Massage and Bodywork Therapist [G.S. 90-623](#)

Other Information of Note:

The Board approves massage and bodywork therapy schools – [G.S. 90-631.1](#)

North Carolina Medical Board

Established: 1859

Statutory Authority:

[Article 1 of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

Except as otherwise provided by this subdivision, the practice of medicine or surgery, for purposes of this Article, includes any of the following acts:

- Advertising, holding out to the public, or representing in any manner that the individual is authorized to practice medicine in this State.
- Offering or undertaking to prescribe, order, give, or administer any drug or medicine for the use of any other individual.
- Offering or undertaking to prevent or diagnose, correct, prescribe for, administer to, or treat in any manner or by any means, methods, or devices any disease, illness, pain, wound, fracture, infirmity, defect, or abnormal physical or mental condition of any individual, including the management of pregnancy or parturition.
- Offering or undertaking to perform any surgical operation on any individual.
- Using the designation "Doctor," "Doctor of Medicine," "Doctor of Osteopathy," "Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine," "Physician," "Surgeon," "Physician and Surgeon," "Dr.," "M.D.," "D.O.," or any combination thereof in the conduct of any occupation or profession pertaining to the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of human disease or condition, unless the designation additionally contains the description of or reference to another branch of the healing arts for which the individual holds a valid license in this State or the use of the designation "Doctor" or "Physician" is otherwise specifically permitted by law.
- The performance of any act, within or without this State, described in this subdivision by use of any electronic or other means, including the Internet or telephone.

The administration of required lethal substances or any assistance whatsoever rendered with an execution under Article 19 of Chapter 15 of the General Statutes does not constitute the practice of medicine or surgery.

Occupations Licensed (3):

- Physician
- Physician Assistant
- Anesthesiologist Assistant

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (3):

- Licensed Physician – [G.S. 90-9.1](#)
- Licensed Physician Assistant – [G.S. 90-9.3](#)
- Licensed Anesthesiologist Assistant – [G.S. 90-9.4](#)

Other Information of Note:

- Limited License to Practice in a Medical Education and Training Program – [G.S. 90-12.01](#)
- Limited Volunteer License – [G.S. 90-12.1A](#)
- Retired Limited Volunteer License – [G.S. 90-12.1B](#)
- Special Purpose License to Practice Medicine – [G.S. 90-12.2A](#)
- Medical School Faculty License – [G.S. 90-12.3](#)
- Physician Assistant Limited Volunteer License – [G.S. 90-12.4](#)
- Physician Assistant Retired Limited Volunteer License – [G.S. 90-12.4B](#)

- Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner Approval to Practice (jointly with Board of Pharmacy) – [G.S. 90-18.4](#)

Midwifery Joint Committee

Established: 1983

Statutory Authority:

[Article 10A of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

Midwifery means the act of providing prenatal, intrapartum, postpartum, newborn and interconceptional care. The term does not include the practice of medicine by a physician licensed to practice medicine when engaged in the practice of medicine as defined by law, the performance of medical acts by a physician assistant or nurse practitioner when performed in accordance with the rules of the North Carolina Medical Board, the practice of nursing by a registered nurse engaged in the practice of nursing as defined by law, or the rendering of childbirth assistance in an emergency situation.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Midwife

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (1):

- Approval to Practice Midwifery – [G.S. 90-178.3](#)

Morehead City Navigation and Pilotage Commission

Established: 1982

Statutory Authority:

[Subchapter II of Chapter 76A](#)

Scope of Practice:

In consideration of the requirement for the safe and expeditious movement of waterborne commerce on the navigable waters of the State, it is deemed necessary to establish the Morehead City Navigation and Pilotage Commission, herein called Commission. The Commission shall have the exclusive power to license and regulate pilots familiar with the waters of Morehead City Harbor and Beaufort Bar and the water route from Morehead City to Aurora, North Carolina (to include from Morehead City through the Inland or Intracoastal Waterway North, through Adams Creek, the Neuse River, the Bay River, the Hobuken Canal, the Pamlico River, and South Creek to Aurora or from the Neuse River around Brant Island Shoal through the Pamlico River and South Creek to Aurora), referred to herein as the regulated area, to best guide vessels within those waters and to exercise authority over navigation in Morehead City Harbor and Beaufort Bar and to and from the sea buoy of the port.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Morehead City Harbor and Beaufort Bar Pilot

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (3):

- Limited license – [G.S. 76A-36\(1\)](#)
- Full license – [G.S. 76A-36\(2\)](#)
- Apprentice license – [G.S. 76A-36\(3\)](#)

North Carolina Board of Nursing

Established: 1981

Statutory Authority:

[Article 9A of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

The "practice of nursing by a registered nurse" consists of the following 10 components:

- a. Assessing the patient's physical and mental health, including the patient's reaction to illnesses and treatment regimens.
- b. Recording and reporting the results of the nursing assessment.
- c. Planning, initiating, delivering, and evaluating appropriate nursing acts.
- d. Teaching, assigning, delegating to or supervising other personnel in implementing the treatment regimen.
- e. Collaborating with other health care providers in determining the appropriate health care for a patient but, subject to the provisions of G.S. 90-18.2, not prescribing a medical treatment regimen or making a medical diagnosis, except under supervision of a licensed physician.
- f. Implementing the treatment and pharmaceutical regimen prescribed by any person authorized by State law to prescribe the regimen.
- g. Providing teaching and counseling about the patient's health.
- h. Reporting and recording the plan for care, nursing care given, and the patient's response to that care.
- i. Supervising, teaching, and evaluating those who perform or are preparing to perform nursing functions and administering nursing programs and nursing services.
- j. Providing for the maintenance of safe and effective nursing care, whether rendered directly or indirectly.

The "practice of nursing by a licensed practical nurse" consists of the following seven components:

- a. Participating in the assessment of the patient's physical and mental health, including the patient's reaction to illnesses and treatment regimens.
- b. Recording and reporting the results of the nursing assessment.
- c. Participating in implementing the health care plan developed by the registered nurse and/or prescribed by any person authorized by State law to prescribe such a plan, by performing tasks assigned or delegated by and performed under the supervision or under orders or directions of a registered nurse, physician licensed to practice medicine, dentist, or other person authorized by State law to provide the supervision.
- a. c1. Assigning or delegating nursing interventions to other qualified personnel under the supervision of the registered nurse.
- d. Participating in the teaching and counseling of patients as assigned by a registered nurse, physician, or other qualified professional licensed to practice in North Carolina.
- e. Reporting and recording the nursing care rendered and the patient's response to that care.
- f. Maintaining safe and effective nursing care, whether rendered directly or indirectly.

Occupations Licensed (5):

- Registered Nurse
- Practical Nurse
- Certified Nurse Midwife
- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (6):

- License to practice nursing as a registered nurse – [G.S. 90-171.43](#)
- Nurse Practitioner (jointly regulated by Board of Nursing and Medical Board)
- Certified Nurse Midwife
- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
- License to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse – [G.S. 90-171.43](#)

State Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators

Established: 1969

Statutory Authority:

[Article 20 of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

"Nursing home administrator" means a person who administers, manages, supervises, or is in general administrative charge of a nursing home, whether such individual has an ownership interest in such home and whether his functions and duties are shared with one or more individuals.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Nursing Home Administrator

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (1):

- Licensed nursing home administrator – [G.S. 90-278](#)

North Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy

Established: 1984

Statutory Authority:

[Article 18D of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

Occupational therapy. - A health care profession providing evaluation, treatment and consultation to help individuals achieve a maximum level of independence by developing skills and abilities interfered with by disease, emotional disorder, physical injury, the aging process, or impaired development. Occupational therapists use purposeful activities and specially designed orthotic and prosthetic devices to reduce specific impairments and to help individuals achieve independence at home and in the work place.

Occupations Licensed (2):

- Occupational Therapist
- Occupational Therapy Assistant

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (2):

- Licensed occupational therapist – [G.S. 90-270.70\(a\)](#)
- Licensed occupational therapy assistant – [G.S. 90-270.70\(a\)](#)

North Carolina On-Site Wastewater Contractors and Inspectors Certification Board

Established: 2006

Statutory Authority:

[Article 5 of Chapter 90A](#)

Scope of Practice:

"Contractor" means a person who constructs, installs, or repairs, or offers to construct, install, or repair an on-site wastewater system in the State. "Inspector" means a person who conducts an inspection in accordance with rules adopted by the Board.

Occupations Licensed (2):

- On-Site Wastewater Contractor
- On-Site Wastewater Inspector

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (2):

- Certified on-site wastewater contractor – [G.S. 90A-72](#)
- Certified on-site wastewater inspector – [G.S. 90A-72](#)

North Carolina State Board of Opticians

Established: 1951

Statutory Authority:

[Article 17 of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

The term "dispensing optician" defines one who prepares and dispenses lenses, spectacles, eyeglasses and/or appurtenances thereto to the intended wearers thereof on written prescriptions from physicians or optometrists duly licensed to practice their professions, and in accordance with such prescriptions interprets, measures, adapts, fits and adjusts such lenses, spectacles, eyeglasses and/or appurtenances thereto to the human face for the aid or correction of visual or ocular anomalies of the human eye.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Optician

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (2):

- Registered licensed optician – [G.S. 90-237](#)
- Registered opticianry apprentice or intern – [G.S. 90-246](#), [21 NCAC 40 .0314](#)

North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry

Established: 1909

Statutory Authority:

[Article 6 of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

Any one or any combination of the following practices shall constitute the practice of optometry:

- (1) The examination of the human eye by any method, other than surgery, to diagnose, to treat, or to refer for consultation or treatment any abnormal condition of the human eye and its adnexa; or
- (2) The employment of instruments, devices, pharmaceutical agents and procedures, other than surgery, intended for the purposes of investigating, examining, treating, diagnosing or correcting visual defects or abnormal conditions of the human eye or its adnexa; or
- (3) The prescribing and application of lenses, devices containing lenses, prisms, contact lenses, orthoptics, vision training, pharmaceutical agents, and prosthetic devices to correct, relieve, or treat defects or abnormal conditions of the human eye or its adnexa.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Optometrist

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (1):

- License to practice optometry – [G.S. 90-118](#)

Other Information of Note:

Appears that registration for optometric assistants and technicians was repealed - 21 NCAC 42D .0104

North Carolina Board of Pharmacy

Established: 1905

Statutory Authority:

[Article 4A of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

- (a) A pharmacist is responsible for interpreting and evaluating drug orders, including prescription orders; compounding, dispensing, and labeling prescription drugs and devices; properly and safely storing drugs and devices; maintaining proper records; and controlling pharmacy goods and services.
- (b) A pharmacist may advise and educate patients and health care providers concerning therapeutic values, content, uses, and significant problems of drugs and devices; assess, record, and report adverse drug and device reactions; take and record patient histories relating to drug and device therapy; monitor, record, and report drug therapy and device usage; perform drug utilization reviews; and participate in drug and drug source selection and device and device source selection as provided in G.S. 90-85.27 through G.S. 90-85.31.
- (c) An immunizing pharmacist is authorized and permitted to administer drugs as provided in G.S. 90-85.15B, and in accordance with rules adopted by each of the Board of Pharmacy, the Board of Nursing, and the North Carolina Medical Board. These rules shall be designed to ensure the safety and health of the patients for whom such drugs are administered.
- (d) An approved clinical pharmacist practitioner may collaborate with physicians in determining the appropriate health care for a patient subject to the provisions of G.S. 90-18.4.

Occupations Licensed (4):

- Pharmacist
- Pharmacy Technician
- Dispensing Physician*
- Dispensing Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner*

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (5):

- Licensed pharmacist – [G.S. 90-85.15](#)
- Registered noncertified pharmacy technician – [G.S. 90-85.15A\(a1\)](#)
- Registered certified pharmacy technician – [G.S. 90-85.15A\(a2\)](#)
- Registered dispensing physician* – [G.S. 90-85.21\(b\)](#)
- Registered physician assistant/nurse practitioner* - [G.S. 90-85.24](#)

Other Information of Note:

Pharmacy permit – [G.S. 90-85.21](#)

Device and medical equipment permit – [G.S. 90-85.22](#), [21 NCAC 46 .1608](#)

North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

Established: 1951

Statutory Authority:

[Article 19B of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

"Physical therapy" means the evaluation or treatment of any person by the use of physical, chemical, or other properties of heat, light, water, electricity, sound, massage, or therapeutic exercise, or other rehabilitative procedures, with or without assistive devices, for the purposes of preventing, correcting, or alleviating a physical or mental disability. Physical therapy includes the performance of specialized tests of neuromuscular function, administration of specialized therapeutic procedures, interpretation and implementation of referrals from licensed medical doctors or dentists, and establishment and modification of physical therapy programs for patients. Evaluation and treatment of patients may involve physical measures, methods, or procedures as are found commensurate with physical therapy education and training and generally or specifically authorized by regulations of the Board. Physical therapy education and training shall include study of the skeletal manifestations of systemic disease. Physical therapy does not include the application of roentgen rays or radioactive materials, surgery, manipulation of the spine unless prescribed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in North Carolina, or medical diagnosis of disease.

Occupations Licensed (2):

- Physical Therapist
- Physical Therapist Assistant

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (2):

- Licensed physical therapist – [G.S. 90-270.29, G.S. 90-270.31](#)
- Licensed physical therapist assistant – [G.S. 90-270.29, G.S. 90-270.31](#)

State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating, and Fire Sprinkler Contractors

Established: 1931

Statutory Authority:

[Article 2 of Chapter 87](#)

Scope of Practice:

Any person, firm or corporation, who for a valuable consideration, (i) installs, alters or restores, or offers to install, alter or restore, either plumbing, heating group number one, or heating group number two, or heating group number three, or (ii) lays out, fabricates, installs, alters or restores, or offers to lay out, fabricate, install, alter or restore fire sprinklers, or any combination thereof, as defined in this Article, shall be deemed and held to be engaged in the business of plumbing, heating, or fire sprinkler contracting.

Occupations Licensed (3):

- Plumbing Contracting
- Heating Contracting
- Fire Sprinkler Contracting

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (4):

- Class I contractor's license – [G.S. 87-21\(b\)\(1\)](#)
Covers all plumbing, heating, and fire sprinkler systems for all structures
- Class II contractor's license – [G.S. 87-21\(b\)\(1\)](#)
Covers plumbing and heating systems in single-family detached residential dwellings
- Fuel piping license – [G.S. 87-21\(b\)\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Limited plumbing contractor license – [G.S. 87-21\(b\)\(2\)\(b\)](#)

North Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners

Established: 1919

Statutory Authority:

[Article 12A of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

Podiatry as defined by this Article is the surgical, medical, or mechanical treatment of all ailments of the human foot and ankle, and their related soft tissue structures to the level of the myotendinous junction. Excluded from the definition of podiatry is the amputation of the entire foot, the administration of an anesthetic other than local, and the surgical correction of clubfoot of an infant two years of age or less.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Podiatrist

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (1):

- License to practice podiatry – [G.S. 90-202.3](#), [G.S. 90-202.5](#)

North Carolina Psychology Board

Established: 1967

Statutory Authority:

[Article 18A of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

Practice of psychology. - The observation, description, evaluation, interpretation, or modification of human behavior by the application of psychological principles, methods, and procedures for the purpose of preventing or eliminating symptomatic, maladaptive, or undesired behavior or of enhancing interpersonal relationships, work and life adjustment, personal effectiveness, behavioral health, or mental health. The practice of psychology includes, but is not limited to: psychological testing and the evaluation or assessment of personal characteristics such as intelligence, personality, abilities, interests, aptitudes, and neuropsychological functioning; counseling, psychoanalysis, psychotherapy, hypnosis, biofeedback, and behavior analysis and therapy; diagnosis, including etiology and prognosis, and treatment of mental and emotional disorder or disability, alcoholism and substance abuse, disorders of habit or conduct, as well as of the psychological and neuropsychological aspects of physical illness, accident, injury, or disability; and psychoeducational evaluation, therapy, remediation, and consultation. Psychological services may be rendered to individuals, families, groups, and the public. The practice of psychology shall be construed within the meaning of this definition without regard to whether payment is received for services rendered.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Psychologist

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (2):

- Licensed psychologist – [G.S. 90-270.5](#), [G.S. 90-270.11](#)
- Licensed psychological associate – [G.S. 90-270.5](#), [G.S. 90-270.11](#)

Other Information of Note:

- Provisional license as a psychologist – [G.S. 90-270.5\(d\)](#)
- Provisional license as a psychological associate – [G.S. 90-270.5\(d\)](#)
- Temporary license for practice of psychology – [G.S. 90-270.5\(f\)](#)

North Carolina Real Estate Commission

Established: 1957

Statutory Authority:

[Chapter 93A](#)

Scope of Practice:

A real estate broker within the meaning of this Chapter is any person, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, association, or other business entity who for a compensation or valuable consideration or promise thereof lists or offers to list, sells or offers to sell, buys or offers to buy, auctions or offers to auction (specifically not including a mere crier of sales), or negotiates the purchase or sale or exchange of real estate, or who leases or offers to lease, or who sells or offers to sell leases of whatever character, or rents or offers to rent any real estate or the improvement thereon, for others.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Real Estate Broker

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (3):

- Licensed real estate broker – [G.S. 93A-1](#), [G.S. 93A-4\(a\)](#)
- Licensed broker-in-charge – [G.S. 93A-4.2](#)
- Limited nonresident commercial license – [21 NCAC 58A .1801](#)

Other Information of Note:

- Provisional real estate broker license – [G.S. 93A-4\(a1\)](#)

A business entity may obtain a real estate broker license.

North Carolina Recreational Therapy Licensure Board

Established: 2005

Statutory Authority:

[Chapter 90C](#)

Scope of Practice:

Scope of recreational therapy. - The practice of recreational therapy includes all direct patient or client services of assessment, planning, design, implementation, evaluation, and documentation of specific interventions, management, consultation, research, and education for either individuals or groups that require specific therapeutic recreation or recreational therapy intervention representing the process and knowledge base delineated in the most recent National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC) Job Analysis Study and professional standards of practice. Scope is inclusive of professional and preprofessional education and training in recreational therapy, therapeutic recreation, and related research.

Occupations Licensed (2):

- Recreational Therapist
- Recreational Therapy Assistant

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (2):

- Licensed recreational therapist – [G.S. 90C-27\(a\)](#)
- Licensed recreational therapy assistant – [G.S. 90C-27\(b\)](#)

State Board of Refrigeration Examiners

Established: 1955

Statutory Authority:

[Article 5 of Chapter 87](#)

Scope of Practice:

"Refrigeration trade or business" is defined to include all persons, firms or corporations engaged in the installation, maintenance, servicing and repairing of refrigerating machinery, equipment, devices and components relating thereto and within limits as set forth in the codes, laws and regulations governing refrigeration installation, maintenance, service and repairs within the State of North Carolina or any of its political subdivisions. It does not include the following:

This Article shall not apply to any of the following:

- (1) The installation of self-contained commercial refrigeration units equipped with an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) molded plug that does not require the opening of service valves or replacement of lamps, fuses, and door gaskets.
- (2) The installation and servicing of domestic household self-contained refrigeration appliances equipped with an OEM molded plug connected to suitable receptacles which have been permanently installed and do not require the opening of service valves.
- (3) Employees of persons, firms, or corporations or persons, firms or corporations, not engaged in refrigeration contracting as herein defined, that install, maintain and service their own refrigerating machinery, equipment and devices.
- (4) Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of selling, repairing and installing any comfort cooling devices or systems.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Refrigeration Contractor
 - Commercial Refrigeration Contractor
 - Transport Refrigeration Contractor

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (3):

- Licensed refrigeration contractor – [G.S. 87-58](#)
- Commercial refrigeration contractor – [G.S. 87-58, 21 NCAC 60 .0207\(a\)](#)
- Transport refrigeration contractor – [G.S. 87-58, 21 NCAC 60 .0207\(b\)](#)

Other Information of Note:

A corporation or partnership may engage in the business of refrigeration contracting if one or more persons connected with the corporation or partnership is registered and licensed as herein required, and the licensed person executes all contracts, exercises general supervision over the work done thereunder and is responsible for compliance with all the provisions of this Article. – G.S. 87-62

North Carolina Respiratory Care Board

Established: 2000

Statutory Authority:

[Article 38 of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

Practice of respiratory care. - As defined by the written order of a physician licensed under Article 1 of this Chapter, the observing and monitoring of signs and symptoms, general behavior, and general physical response to respiratory care treatment and diagnostic testing, including the determination of whether such signs, symptoms, reactions, behavior, or general response exhibit abnormal characteristics, and the performance of diagnostic testing and therapeutic application of:

- a. Medical gases, humidity, and aerosols including the maintenance of associated apparatus, except for the purpose of anesthesia.
- b. Pharmacologic agents related to respiratory care procedures, including those agents necessary to perform hemodynamic monitoring.
- c. Mechanical or physiological ventilatory support.
- d. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation and maintenance of natural airways, the insertion and maintenance of artificial airways under the direct supervision of a recognized medical director in a health care environment which identifies these services within the scope of practice by the facility's governing board.
- e. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy.
- f. New and innovative respiratory care and related support activities in appropriately identified environments and under the training and practice guidelines established by the American Association of Respiratory Care.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Respiratory Care Practitioner

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (1):

- Licensed respiratory care practitioner – [G.S. 90-653](#), [G.S. 90-661](#)

Other Information of Note:

- Temporary license – [G.S. 90-654](#)
- Provisional license – [G.S. 90-656](#)

North Carolina Social Work Certification and Licensure Board

Established: 1983

Statutory Authority:

[Chapter 90B](#)

Scope of Practice:

Practice of Social Work. - To perform or offer to perform services, by whatever means of communications, for other people that involve the application of social work values, principles, and techniques in areas such as social work services, consultation and administration, and social work planning and research.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Social Worker

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (5):

- Certified social worker – [G.S. 90B-7\(b\)](#)
- Certified master social worker – [G.S. 90B-7\(c\)](#)
- Licensed clinical social worker – [G.S. 90B-7\(d\)](#)
- Certified social work manager – [G.S. 90B-7\(e\)](#)
- Associate license in clinical social work – [G.S. 90B-7\(f\)](#)

North Carolina Board for Licensing of Soil Scientists

Established: 1995

Statutory Authority:

[Chapter 89F](#)

Scope of Practice:

"Practice of soil science" means any service or work, the adequate performance of which requires education in the physical, chemical, and biological sciences, as well as soil science; training and experience in the application of special knowledge of these sciences to the use and management of soils by accepted principles and methods; and investigation, evaluation, and consultation; and in which the performance is related to the public welfare by safeguarding life, health, property, and the environment.

Occupations Licensed (1):

- Soil Scientist

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (1):

- Licensed soil scientist – [G.S. 89F-9](#), [G.S. 89F-10](#)

Board of Examiners for Speech and Language Pathologists and Audiologists

Established: 1975

Statutory Authority:

[Article 22 of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

"The practice of audiology" means the application of principles, methods, and procedures of measurement, testing, evaluation, prediction, consultation, counseling, instruction, habilitation, or rehabilitation related to hearing and vestibular disorders for the purpose of identifying, preventing, ameliorating, or modifying such disorders and conditions in individuals or groups of individuals. For the purpose of this subdivision, the words "habilitation" and "rehabilitation" shall include auditory training, speech reading, aural rehabilitation, hearing aid use evaluation and recommendations, and fabrication of earmolds and similar accessories for clinical testing purposes.

"The practice of speech and language pathology" means the application of principles, methods, and procedures for the measurement, testing, evaluation, prediction, counseling, treating, instruction, habilitation, or rehabilitation related to the development and disorders of speech, voice, language, and swallowing for the purpose of identifying, preventing, ameliorating, or modifying such disorders.

Occupations Licensed (4):

- Speech and Language Pathologist
- Audiologist
- Speech and Language Pathologist Assistant
- Audiologist Assistant

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (4):

- Licensed speech and language pathologist – [G.S. 90-294\(a\)](#)
- Licensed audiologist – [G.S. 90-294\(a\)](#)
- Registered speech and language pathologist assistant – [G.S. 90-298.1](#)
- Registered audiologist assistant – [G.S. 90-298.1](#)

Other Information of Note:

- Temporary License – [G.S. 90-298](#)

North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board

Established: 1994

Statutory Authority:

[Article 5C of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

Substance abuse counseling. - The assessment, evaluation, and provision of counseling and therapeutic service to persons suffering from substance abuse or dependency.

Occupations Licensed (6):

- Substance Abuse Counselor (Alcohol and Drug Counselor)
- Substance Abuse Prevention Consultant (Prevention Specialist)
- Clinical Supervisor
- Clinical Addiction Specialist (Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor)
- Criminal Justice Addictions Professional
- Substance Abuse Residential Facility Director

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (7):

- Certified substance abuse counselor – [G.S. 90-113.40\(a\)](#)
- Certified substance abuse prevention consultant – [G.S. 90-113-40\(a\)](#)
- Certified clinical supervisor – [G.S. 90-113-40\(b\)](#)
- Clinical supervisor intern – [G.S. 90-113-40\(b1\)](#)
- Licensed clinical addictions specialist – [G.S. 90-113-40\(c\)](#)
- Substance abuse residential facility director – [G.S. 90-113-40\(d\)](#)
- Certified criminal justice addictions professional – [G.S. 90-113-40\(d1\)](#)

North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board

Established: 1903

Statutory Authority:

[Article 11 of Chapter 90](#)

Scope of Practice:

- a. To diagnose, treat, correct, change, relieve, or prevent animal disease, deformity, defect, injury, or other physical or mental conditions; including the prescription or administration of any drug, medicine, biologic, apparatus, application, anesthetic, or other therapeutic or diagnostic substance or technique on any animal.
- b. To represent, directly or indirectly, publicly or privately, an ability and willingness to do any act described in sub-subdivision a. of this subdivision.
- c. To use any title, words, abbreviation, or letters in a manner or under circumstances which induce the belief that the person using them is qualified to do any act described in sub-subdivision a. of this subdivision.

Occupations Licensed (2):

- Veterinarian
- Veterinary Technician

Types of Occupational Licenses Issued (6):

- License to practice veterinary medicine – [G.S. 90-187](#), [G.S. 90-187.10](#)
- Registered veterinary technician – [G.S. 90-187.6](#)
- Registered veterinary student intern – [G.S. 90-187.6](#)
- Registered veterinary student preceptee – [G.S. 90-187.6](#)
- Veterinary faculty certificate – [G.S. 90-187.14](#)
- Zoo veterinary certificate – [G.S. 90-187.14](#)

Other Information of Note:

- Temporary permit to practice veterinary medicine – [G.S. 90-187.4](#)