2004 STATEWIDE ANNUAL LICENSURE REPORT



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2004 Statewide Annual Licensure Report

Introduction

This report provides licensure examination results for two-year technical associate degrees, and one-year certificate programs, leading to professions requiring licensure or certification. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board uses this information as part of its overall assessment of the effectiveness of vocational education programs at community and technical colleges in the state.

In the spring of 1997, the Coordinating Board and the Legislative Budget Board expressed an interest in using licensure data as a specific performance measure of programs at community and technical colleges. Effective September 1, 1997, the 75th Texas Legislature enacted House Bill 2517 requiring public community colleges to annually report on nine performance measures. One of these measures is the percentage of students who pass a licensure exam.

Licensure is mandated by state law. It offers practitioners title protection and defines the scope of practice for a field. Licensure examinations ensure an individual possesses the competence necessary for a specific profession. By testing, the state or professional organization that awards the license helps to safeguard the public from injury by the practitioner.

Certification is not legislatively mandated and is offered through non-governmental agencies and associations. As with licensure exams, certification exams ensure competence within a given field or profession. A certifying body grants recognition of an individual's attainment of defined professional qualifications and continuing education efforts.

The Coordinating Board recognizes that the success rate for licensure and certification is an integral part of the overall success of many workforce development programs. This report contributes to the process of continuous improvement and scholastic accountability in Texas community and technical colleges.

Methodology

In June 2004, Coordinating Board staff contacted the agencies and professional organizations responsible for licensure or certification testing in order to obtain information for the *Statewide Annual Licensure Report*. Staff requested that agencies and professional organizations provide results for examinations administered in the 2002-2003 academic year. The requested data included the number of individuals from each school who took the licensure/certification exam, and the number who passed. The public community and technical college programs included in this report have been approved by the Coordinating Board, There is, however, one exception. All listed alternative teaching certification programs have been approved by another state agency, the State Board for Educational Certification (SBEC).

The 2004 Statewide Annual Licensure Report includes data on the following forty-five licensure/certification examinations:

- Aircraft Mechanic Airframe, General, Powerplant
- Alternative Teacher Certification- Industrial Technology Teacher
- Barber / Hairstylist
- Breath Test Operator
- Cosmetologist, Cosmetology Instructor
- Court Reporter
- Dental Hygienist- Clinical
- Dietetic Technician
- Emergency Medical Technician Basic, Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate, Paramedic
- Fire Protection Aircraft Rescue, Arson Investigator, Driver/Operator-Pumper, Hazardous Materials, Inspector, Structure, Fire Officer 1, Fire Officer
- Food Protection Manager, Food Protection Manager- Culinary Arts
- Funeral Director, Embalmer, Funeral Director-Embalmer
- Funeral Texas Mortuary Law
- Interpreter for the Deaf
- Land Surveying Analytical, Legal
- Law Enforcement Corrections (Academic), Corrections (Academy), Peace Office (Academic), Peace Officer (Academy), Reserve Officer (Academy)
- Massage Therapy
- Medical Assistant
- Medical Radiologic Technologist Radiography, Radiation Therapy
- Nuclear Medicine Technician
- Nurse, Licensed Vocational / Practical
- Nurse, Registered
- Nurse Aide
- Occupational Therapist Assistant
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Veterinary Technician National, Texas Law

Limitations

Many programs are not included in the Annual Licensure Report due to various limitations. Many state agencies and professional organizations do not track licensure examination results by the college a candidate attended. Several agencies were only able to provide incomplete licensure data. Other programs were excluded from this year's report due to the Coordinating Board's decision to refrain from collecting licensure information directly from the community colleges. Additionally, several agencies now charge fees ranging from \$13 to \$790 to generate licensure data reports. The licensure/certification programs that have inclusion limitations are as follows:

• Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractor

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation maintains data on this profession, but does not currently track each candidate's education records. Though training is offered at community colleges, college coursework is not required to become a licensed contractor.

Automotive Technician

The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (NIASE) certifies candidates in this field. While many public community and technical colleges offer automotive technician training programs, NIASE does not have minimum education requirements for its candidates.

• Cardiovascular Technologist

The certifying organization for this field, Cardiovascular Credentialing International, does not maintain data on a candidate's training institution.

Child Care Administrator

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services suspended its licensure examination for candidates in this field during the 2002-2003 school year while a new exam was developed. The agency will participate in the 2005 Licensure Report.

Diagnostic Medical Sonographer

The American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS) is responsible for licensure in this field. ARDMS does not maintain education data on examinees, and requires the social security numbers of candidates in order to process reports.

Dental Hygienist

Although two exams are required for licensure, the 2003 Annual Licensure Report only maintains data on the clinical portion of the Dental Hygiene exam. The organization administering the national exam, the American Dental Association, does not release information to third parties.

• Health Information Management Technician

The American Health Information Management Association maintains examination data for this field. AHIMA policy does not allow information to be released to third parties. Certification in this field is voluntary.

Horse Trainer

While North Central Texas College offers a program in Equine Science, the Texas Racing Commission does not require any formal coursework for licensure in this field.

• Insurance Agent/ Adjuster

The Texas Department of Insurance, the licensing body for this field, does not maintain education records for insurance agent candidates.

• Interior Designer

Neither the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners (TBAE) nor the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) compiles data on a candidate's educational experience.

• Landscape Irrigation

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality does not track exam information by training provider.

• Legal Assistant / Paralegal

Certification in this field, through the National Association of Legal Assistants and the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, is voluntary.

• Loan Officer / Mortgage Broker

The Texas Savings and Loan Department is responsible for licensure in this field. No examination is required for licensure, which is based on education and experience only.

• Medical Laboratory Technician

Though the American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP) participated in the 2001 Annual Report, their policies have changed. In order to generate the exam performance statistics requested by the Coordinating Board, ASCP now requires the prior receipt of a reporting fee.

Medication Aide

The Texas Department of Health's Long Term Care Regulatory Credentialing Department is responsible for certification in this field. The agency does not collect information specific to each public college that offers the medication aide training program.

Microsoft Certified Professional

Microsoft Certification Programs reports that their database does not capture pass/fail rates for individual institutions.

• Municipal Solid Waste Operator

The licensing body for this profession, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, does not currently have the tracking capabilities necessary to participate in the licensure report.

Nursing Facility Administrator

The Texas Department of Human Services does not track education data on their candidates.

• Ophthalmic Technician / Assistant

The Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology administers the licensure examination for this field. According to the JCAHPO, there are currently no academic programs for ophthalmic medical personnel based in Texas.

Optician / Contact Lens Fitter

Certification in these fields is voluntary. The American Board of Opticianry and the National Contact Lens Examiners, the organizations responsible for certification, were unable to provide state or college-level data on their examinations.

• Optometric Technician

The American Optometric Association does not track licensure exam data for individual institutions or states.

Orthotist / Prosthetist Assistant

The licensing agency in this field, the Texas Board of Orthotics and Prosthetics, does not require candidates to take an examination.

Phlebotomist

Certification in this field, offered through multiple organizations, is voluntary.

Real Estate Appraiser

The Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board does not track data based on courses taken or college attended. Many Real Estate Appraiser candidates take coursework through multiple training providers, including trade associations, proprietary schools, internet/distance-based courses, as well as community/technical colleges and universities.

• Real Estate – Inspector, Sales Agent, Broker

The Texas Real Estate Commission does not maintain records on the education background of its candidates.

Respiratory Care Practitioner

The National Board for Respiratory Care does not release examination information to third parties. The Texas Department of Health Respiratory Care

Practitioners Certification Program does not maintain records on a licensee's credentials.

Social Work Associate

The Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) administers licensure in this field. ASWB charges a report fee, and requires receipt of the payment prior to releasing data.

Surgical Assistant

The Texas Board of Medical Examiners recently began licensing surgical assistants. There is only one approved Surgical Assistant program in Texas, and the program's first class has not yet graduated. The agency will participate in the 2005 Licensure Report.

• Tax – Examiner, Collector, Revenue Agent

The Board of Tax Professional Examiners does not collect data on the educational background of their candidates.

• Truck Driver- Professional

The Texas Department of Transportation, which administers the state licensing exam, does not maintain educational data on students. The Texas Workforce Commission also does not track the educational background of these drivers.

Wastewater Operator

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality maintains licensure information on this field. However, TCEQ does not track licensure information by training provider, college, or employer.

Water Operator

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality does not have the resources required to process licensure data by institution.

Licensure Exam Results

Table I: Statewide Summary
(2000 – 2003)

		2000			2001			2002			2003	
CIP PROGRAM	TESTED	PASSED	%	TESTED	PASSED	%	TESTED	PASSED	%	TESTED	PASSED	%
02.0301 Food Protection Manager	0	0	0			0	542	416	77	387	267	69
12.0300 Funeral - Texas Law Exam	15	14	93	34	34	100	14	11	79			0
12.0301 Funeral Director	7	3	43	6	4	67	21	10	48			0
12.0301 Funeral Director-Embalmer	26	14	54	32	17	53	35	21	60	8	5	62
12.0301 Funeral Embalmer	22	10	45	14	3	21	13	6	46	4	0	0
12.0402 Barber/Hairstylist	40	30	75	25	25	100	18	16	89	11	11	100
12.0403 Cosmetologist	1025	813	79	982	778	79	154	130	84	1255	1002	80
12.0405 Massage Therapy	152	113	74	153	105	69	193	141	73	215	154	72
12.0413 Cosmetology Instructor	49	26	53	53	25	47			0			0
12.0503 Food Protection Manager - Culinary Arts	0	0	0			0	3542	2828	80	3562	2462	69
13.1300 Alternative Teacher Certification - Industrial	0	0	0			0	4	1	25	13	10	77
15.1100 Land Surveying	15	8	53			0			0			0
15.1100 Land Surveying - Analytical Exam	0	0	0	22	14	64	41	17	41	30	17	57
15.1100 Land Surveying - Legal Exam	0	0	0	18	13	72	25	13	52	22	13	59

		2000			2001			2002			2003	
CIP PROGRAM	TESTED	PASSED	%	TESTED	PASSED	%	TESTED	PASSED	%	TESTED	PASSED	%
19.0708 Child Care Administrator	0	0	0	8	4	50	4	4	100			0
43.0102 Law Enforcement, Corrections - Academic	14	5	36	99	32	32	59	25	42	17	12	71
43.0102 Law Enforcement, Corrections - Academy	123	88	72	410	286	70			0	648	491	76
43.0104 Law Enforcement, Peace Officer - Academic	1086	830	76	162	85	52			0	184	99	54
43.0107 Breath Test Operator			0	468	460	98	1055	982	93	410	376	92
43.0107 Law Enforcement, Peace Officer - Academy	128	68	53	1506	1124	75	1587	986	62	1354	1010	75
43.0107 Law Enforcement, Reserve Officer - Academy	0	0	0	453	304	67	204	130	64	2	1	50
43.0201 Fire Protection (Aircraft Rescue)	11	9	82	17	17	100	25	23	92	37	35	95
43.0201 Fire Protection (Arson Investigator)	37	30	81	41	38	93	23	19	83	56	53	95
43.0201 Fire Protection (Inspector)	30	25	83	56	55	98	57	49	86	40	37	92
43.0201 Fire Protection (Officer 1)	0	0	0			0	17	15	88	32	30	94
43.0201 Fire Protection (Officer 2)	0	0	0			0			0	1	1	100

		2000			2001			2002		2003			
CIP PROGRAM	TESTED	PASSED	%	TESTED	PASSED	%	TESTED	PASSED	%	TESTED	PASSED	%	
43.0203 Fire Protection (Driver/Operator-Pumper)	0	0	0	85	72	85	59	58	98	148	145	98	
43.0203 Fire Protection (Hazardous Materials)	0	0	0	19	19	100	28	26	93	61	60	98	
43.0203 Fire Protection (Structure)	322	273	85	717	627	87	711	617	87	950	806	85	
47.0607 Aircraft Maintenance Technician- Airframe	81	76	94	82	75	91	125	108	86	122	117	96	
47.0607 Aircraft Maintenance Technician- General	72	65	90	87	79	91	126	117	93	116	112	97	
47.0607 Aircraft Maintenance Technician- Powerplant	44	43	98	80	76	95	95	91	96	82	79	96	
51.0205 Deaf Interpreter	46	23	50	56	27	48	37	31	84	60	45	75	
51.0602 Dental Hygienist - WREB clinical	0	0	0			0	199	178	89	208	180	87	
51.0801 Medical Assistant	60	36	60	47	18	38	48	28	58	33	21	64	
51.0803 Occupational Therapy Assistant	0	0	0			0	122	118	97	74	73	99	
51.0806 Physical Therapy Assistant	273	271	99	129	94	73	332	234	70	326	268	82	
51.0808 Veterinary Technician - National Exam	_	_	0	71	53	75	68	52	76	75	62	83	
51.0808 Veterinary Technician - Texas Law Exam			0	63	60	95	61	59	97			0	

		2000			2001			2002			2003	
CIP PROGRAM	TESTED	PASSED	%	TESTED	PASSED	%	TESTED	PASSED	%	TESTED	PASSED	%
51.0904 Emergency Medical Technician - Intermediat	62	47	76	37	30	81	3	2	67	104	63	61
51.0904 Emergency Medical Technician Basic	84	61	73	101	92	91	162	148	91	2705	1386	51
51.0904 Paramedic	4043	3411	84	3639	3249	89	3707	3133	85	275	127	46
51.0905 Nuclear Medicine Technology	18	15	83	49	43	88	53	43	81	51	37	73
51.0907 Medical Radiologic Technologist - Radiograp	422	373	88	551	439	80	492	378	77	572	474	83
51.0907 Medical Radiologic Technologist- Radiation T	21	16	76	17	17	100	15	15	100	17	17	100
51.1004 Medical Laboratory Technician	139	76	55			0			0			0
51.1601 Nurse, Registered	2480	2132	86	2525	2227	88	611	537	88	2604	2352	90
51.1613 Nurse, LVN	2774	2396	86	2049	1800	88	2283	2035	89	2793	2374	85
51.1614 Nurse Aide	555	475	86	3076	2546	83	3929	3744	95	5199	5030	97
51.3104 Dietetic Technician	0	0	0			0	7	5	71			0
52.0405 Court Reporting	75	14	19	46	10	22	72	27	38	40	9	22

Licensure Exam Results

Table II: Results by Program
(2000 – 2003)

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CIP	Program		2000			2001			2002		2003			
Source	e/Reporting Agency	TESTED	PASSED	%										
43.0102	Law Enforcement, Corrections - Academy	0	0	0%							5	4	80%	
43.0104	Law Enforcement, Peace Officer - Academi	42	35	83%										
43.0107	Law Enforcement, Peace Officer - Academ										30	24	80%	
43.0201	Fire Protection (Inspector)										7	6	86%	
43.0201	Fire Protection (Officer 1)	0	0	0%							2	2	100%	
43.0203	Fire Protection (Structure)	28	22	79%	47	38	81%	21	18	86%	59	44	75%	
51.0602	Dental Hygienist - WREB clinical	0	0	0%				17	16	94%	15	15	100%	
51.0904	Emergency Medical Technician Basic	50	36	72%							55	29	53%	
51.0904	Paramedic				53	40	75%	86	77	90%				
51.0907	Medical Radiologic Technologist - Radiogra	26	25	96%							26	23	88%	

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			2000			2001			2002		2	2003	
CIP	Program	TESTED	PASSED	%	TESTED	PASSED	%	TESTED	PASSED	%	TESTED	PASSED	%
43.0102	Law Enforcement, Corrections - Academy												
	Institution Results	0	0	0%							5	4	80%
	Statewide Totals	123	88	72 %	410	286	70%			0 %	648	491	76 %
43.0104	Law Enforcement, Peace Officer - Academi												
	Institution Results	42	35	83%									
	Statewide Totals	1086	830	76%	162	85	52%			0 %	184	99	54 %
43.0107	Law Enforcement, Peace Officer - Academ												
	Institution Results										30	24	80%
	Statewide Totals	128	68	53 %	1506	1124	75%	1587	986	62 %	1354	1010	75 %
43.0201	Fire Protection (Inspector)												
	Institution Results										7	6	86%
	Statewide Totals	30	25	83 %	56	55	98%	57	49	86 %	40	37	92 %
43.0201	Fire Protection (Officer 1)												
	Institution Results	0	0	0%							2	2	100%
	Statewide Totals	0	0	0 %			0%	17	15	88 %	32	30	94 %

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			2000		,	2001			2002		2003			
CIP	Program	TESTED	PASSED	%	TESTED	PASSED	%	TESTED	PASSED	%	TESTED	PASSED	%	
43.0203	Fire Protection (Structure)													
	Institution Results	28	22	79%	47	38	81%	21	18	86%	59	44	75%	
	Statewide Totals	322	273	85 %	717	627	87%	711	617	87 %	950	806	85 %	
51.0602	Dental Hygienist - WREB clinical													
	Institution Results	0	0	0%				17	16	94%	15	15	100%	
	Statewide Totals	0	0	0%			0%	199	178	89 %	208	180	87 %	
51.0904	Emergency Medical Technician Basic													
	Institution Results	50	36	72%							55	29	53%	
	Statewide Totals	84	61	73 %	101	92	91%	162	148	91 %	2705	1386	51 %	
51.0904	Paramedic													
	Institution Results				53	40	75%	86	77	90%			ĺ	
	Statewide Totals	4043	3411	84 %	3639	3249	89%	3707	3133	85 %	275	127	46 %	
51.0907	Medical Radiologic Technologist - Radiogra													
	Institution Results	26	25	96%							26	23	88%	
	Statewide Totals	422	373	88%	551	439	80%	492	378	77 %	572	474	83 %	

Appendix A Explanatory Notes for Tables

Explanatory Notes for Tables

CIP Code

The Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) is a federal taxonomy developed by the U.S. Department of Education. It is used throughout the nation by government agencies and professional associations to establish standard terminology and record-keeping. The six-digit identification number of the instructional program includes both technical and tech-prep programs under the same program code.

Dates

Dates reflect the annual reporting deadlines to which the institutions must adhere. All testing during the period, beginning with the fall semester and through the following summer semester, is reported in the fall after the summer semester. Programs with different reporting periods are noted in the licens ure exam profiles.

FICE Code

The Federal Interagency Commission on Education (FICE) six-digit identification number for an academic institution. When an institution with one FICE code offers coursework at multiple sites, data has been aggregated to report a single, institution-wide pass rate.

Institution

Name of an institution where a particular instructional program is offered. All institutions in the report are Texas public community and technical colleges.

Licensure Exam

Title of the licensure examination. It is not necessarily equivalent to the title of the instructional program to which the examination relates.

Passed

Number of students successfully passing the particular licensure examination. This information normally comes from the agency that administers the licensure examination.

Program

An organized unit of instruction directly related to the acquisition and/ or upgrading of technical skills and for which a Coordinating Board approved certificate or an applied associate degree is awarded.

Reporting Agency

An external agency, which grants authorization to practice in a particular occupational field after passage of a formal examination relating to that specific field.

Tested

Number of students who took the particular licensure examination. This information normally comes from the agency that administers the licensure examination.