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High Demand Graduate-level Occupations

Occupation Clusters	Examples	Annual Openings
Health Care Related	Physical Therapists Occupational Therapists Veterinarians Surgeons Pharmacists	4,041
Postsecondary Teachers	Art, Drama, and Music Teachers English Language and Literature Teachers Mathematical Science Teachers Engineering Teachers	1,332
Other Occupations	(Lawyers) * Architects Counselors	2,392

Source: Department of Economic Opportunity.

*NOTE: Demand for lawyers may reflect market churn; 70% of Florida J.D.s are produced by private institutions.



Demand for Graduate and Professional Program Completers

79 occupations based upon Standard Occupational Code criteria:

- Predominately occupations that require some level of state licensing
- 27 Healthcare occupations (physician, allied healthcare, and faculty)
- 13 STEM occupations (primarily postsecondary faculty)
- 11 Counseling occupations (primarily psychology and social work)

Four occupations with the highest total projected openings by rank order:

- 1) **Lawyers***
- 2) Physicians (all specialties) (require residency education beyond M.D.)
- 3) Pharmacists
- 4) Physical Therapists

Four fastest growing occupations by rank order:

- 1) Nurse Practitioners
- 2) Physical Therapists
- 3) Medical and Public Health Social Workers
- 4) Occupational Therapists

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