

## REGULATIONS OF APRN-PMH PRACTICE AFFECTING EMPLOYMENT

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### **REGULATORY STRUCTURE/ AUTHORITY:**

The mandate established by the public trust of any state's department of health, board of nursing and related regulatory agencies is to protect public interest. The public interest in licensing of health care professionals is protected through, 1. establishing guidelines for the minimum qualifications and competency of those given any license, 2. protection from those not meeting the minimum competencies and those who are not competent to hold a given license, and 3. providing a mechanism and procedures for disciplining those not following the established statutory standards (Schmidt and Shimberg, 1996).

The statutory authority for regulation all advanced practice nursing is drawn from each individual state's uniform licensing and/or health and public safety laws. These statutes define the criteria, requirements and scope of practice for all advanced practice nursing and serve as the umbrella statutes governing the statutes specific to nursing practice. Differences between different state's statutes on advanced practice nursing result in differences in the level of independent practice, presence or absence of prescriptive authority and legislative authorization for reimbursement. The operational definition of statutes on advanced practice is reflected in practice regulations directed by the State Boards of Nursing and at times, regulatory subdivisions for Advanced Practice Nursing.

### **Title and Practice Protection**

One of the most confusing aspects of licensure of advanced practice nurses is the preparation for, use of and designation of an advanced practice nursing title. There is considerable variation between states on the use of "Titles" which has lent to some confusion in advanced practice psychiatric nursing. In some states, advanced practice nurses prepared as clinical nurse specialists and psychiatric nurse practitioners hold the same "Title" while in other states there are statutorily defined differences. Many states, rather than separate between the Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners, may include both in an "Advanced Practice Nurse" role, while other statutes make clear legal distinctions. This variance is due to each state's right to self governance, which means the right to establish their own rules and regulations through state laws(Statutes). As each state has a right to self governance, each state writes its own statutes governing advanced practice nursing.

Each license to practice is attached to a "Title" within a statute, such as Advanced Practice Nurse, Advanced Registered Nurse, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Registered Nurse Practitioner and/or Nurse Practitioner. The legal right to use any given title is based on the individual states statutory authorization. The right of each state to self governance results in variation in the structure, content and scope of practice definitions governing advanced practice nursing. Advanced practice nursing titles may include "Certified", "Expanded" or more commonly "Advanced Practice" designation. Several of these designations may include the identification of a specialty, such as psychiatric nursing, which also defines the scope of practice. While the professional "Title" may be based on education, national certification or both, the right to use a given "Title" and practice under that title is subject to the statutory rules governing licensing within any given state. Each state's nursing statutes defines which titles can may be used, the levels of educational preparation required and which types of certification that may or may not be needed prior to the application for a license. Once a license is granted, the advanced practice nurse may use the state designated title. Practitioners of all levels are advised to check their individual state statute before using any of the legally protected titles.

## Qualification for Licensure:

Moving or obtaining a new license in another state requires that nurses check with the individual states on the statutes and regulations governing advanced practice psychiatric mental health nursing prior to performing in the role. Hyper links for each state's Board of Nursing, Nursing Statutes and statutes governing advanced practice psychiatric nursing are listed below. Several states statutes contain significant penalties for beginning practice prior to obtaining an individual state's licenses. There are some states which participate in the "Compact" designations. The compact designations make transfer of the basic registered nurse license easier, but has limits on the amount of time an individual can practice without applying for a state license.

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### Alabama Board of Nursing

Web Link: <http://www.abn.state.al.us/>

Statute Link : <http://www.abn.state.al.us/main/nurse-practice-act/contents.html>

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Statutes: <http://www.abn.state.al.us/main/Advanced%20Practice/main-advanced.htm>

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### Alaska Board of Nursing

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Statute Link : <http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/pub/NursingStatutes.pdf>

APRN Statutes: See statutes article 4

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### Arizona State Board of Nursing

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Statute Link: <http://www.azbn.gov/NursePracticeAct.aspx>

APRN Statutes: <http://www.azbn.gov/AdvancedPractice.aspx>

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### Arkansas State Board of Nursing

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**APRN Statutes:** [http://www.arsbn.org/advanced\\_practice.html](http://www.arsbn.org/advanced_practice.html)

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**California Board of Registered Nursing**

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**Statute Link :** <http://www.rn.ca.gov/regulations/npa.shtml>

**APRN Statutes:** <http://www.rn.ca.gov/regulations/practice.shtml>

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**Colorado Board of Nursing**

**Web Link :** <http://www.dora.state.co.us/nursing/>

**Statute Link :** <http://www.dora.state.co.us/nursing/licensing/RN.htm>

**APRN Statutes:** see above section 12-38-111.5

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**Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing**

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**Statute Link :** <http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3121&q=389432>

**APRN Statutes:** <http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3121&q=389398>

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**Delaware Board of Nursing**

**Web Link:** <http://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/nursing/>

**Statute Link :** <http://delcode.delaware.gov/title24/c019/index.shtml>

**APRN Statutes: See above section 1902**

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**District of Columbia Board of Nursing**

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**Statute Link :** <http://hpla.doh.dc.gov/hpla/cwp/view,A,1195,Q,498298.asp>

**APRN**

**Statutes:** [http://hpla.doh.dc.gov/hpla/frames.asp?doc=/hpla/lib/hpla/prof\\_license/services/pdf/ nursing/nurse\\_practitioner\\_chap\\_59\\_regs\\_8-10-05.pdf](http://hpla.doh.dc.gov/hpla/frames.asp?doc=/hpla/lib/hpla/prof_license/services/pdf/ nursing/nurse_practitioner_chap_59_regs_8-10-05.pdf)

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**Florida Board of Nursing**

**Web Link:** <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/nursing/index.html>

**Statute Link**

**:** [http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App\\_mode=Display\\_Statute&Search\\_String=&URL=Ch0464/PART01.HTM](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=Ch0464/PART01.HTM)

**APRN Statutes: See Above Chapter 464.0115-.012**

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**Georgia Board of Nursing**

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**Statute Link :** <http://sos.georgia.gov/cgi-bin/PLBLaws.asp?Board=38>

**APRN**

**Statutes:** [http://rules.sos.state.ga.us/cgi-bin/page.cgi?g=GEORGIA\\_BOARD\\_OF\\_NURSING%2FREGULATION\\_OF\\_ADVANCED\\_NURSING\\_PRACTICE%2Findex.html&d=1](http://rules.sos.state.ga.us/cgi-bin/page.cgi?g=GEORGIA_BOARD_OF_NURSING%2FREGULATION_OF_ADVANCED_NURSING_PRACTICE%2Findex.html&d=1)

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**Hawaii Board of Nursing**

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**Statute Link :** [See HRS Chapter 457 -](#)

**Nurses** <http://hawaii.gov/dcca/areas/pvl/main/hrs/>

**APRN Statutes:** [See HAR Chapter 89C - Advanced Practice Registered Nurse](#)

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**Idaho Board of Nursing**

**Web Link:** <http://www2.state.id.us/ibn>

**Statute Link :** <http://www3.state.id.us/idstat/TOC/54014KTOC.html>

**APRN Statutes:** [See above Chapter 54-1409](#)

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**Illinois Board of Nursing**

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**Statute Link**

**:** <http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/068/06801300sections.html>

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**Indiana State Board of Nursing**

**Professional Licensing Agency**

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**Statute Link :** <http://www.in.gov/pla/2497.htm>  
**APRN Statutes:** See Chapter IC 25-23-1-19.4 at above

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**Iowa Board of Nursing**

**Web Link:** <http://www.iowa.gov/nursing>

**Statute Link**

**:** <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/asp/ACODocs/chapterList.aspx?pubDate=12-31-2008&agency=655>

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**Kansas State Board of Nursing**

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**Statute Link :** <http://www.ksbn.org/npa/npa.htm>

**APRN Statutes:** <http://www.ksbn.org/npa/pages/65-1130.pdf>

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**Web Link:** <http://www.kbn.ky.gov/>

**Statute Link :** <http://162.114.4.13/KRS/314-00/CHAPTER.HTM>

**APRN Statutes:** <http://162.114.4.13/KRS/314-00/042.PDF>

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**Louisiana State Board of Nursing**

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Statute Link : <http://www.lsbn.state.la.us/Documents/npa.asp>

APRN Statutes: woven into above.

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**Maine State Board of Nursing**

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Statute Link : [http://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/rules\\_files/rules.html](http://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/rules_files/rules.html)

APRN Statutes: See chapter 8 at above

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**Maryland Board of Nursing**

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: [http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/subtitle\\_chapters/10\\_Chapters.htm#Subtitle27](http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/subtitle_chapters/10_Chapters.htm#Subtitle27)

APRN Statutes: See Above Chapter 10.27.07

Nurse Psychotherapist Statutes: See Above Chapter 10.27.12

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**Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing**

Web Link: <http://www.mass.gov/dpl/boards/rn/>

Statute Link : <http://www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/dph/regs/244cmr004.pdf>

APRN Statutes: See Above Chapter 244 CMR 4.00 Expanded Role

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**Michigan/DCH/Bureau of Health Professions**

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**Statute Link**

: [http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-27417\\_27529\\_27542---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-27417_27529_27542---,00.html)

**APRN Statutes:** See Above Nurse Specialty Certification packet

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**Minnesota Board of Nursing**

**Web Link:** <http://www.nursingboard.state.mn.us/>

**Statute Link**

: [http://www.state.mn.us/portal/mn/jsp/content.do?rc\\_layout=bottom&subchannel=null&programid=536898782&sc3=null&sc2=null&id=-536882405&agency=NursingBoard](http://www.state.mn.us/portal/mn/jsp/content.do?rc_layout=bottom&subchannel=null&programid=536898782&sc3=null&sc2=null&id=-536882405&agency=NursingBoard)

**APRN Statutes:** See Certified Registered Nurses statute

148.233 <https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?id=148.233>

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**Mississippi Board of Nursing**

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**Statute Link :** <http://www.msbn.state.ms.us/newlawrules.htm>

**APRN Statutes:** See Above Statute CHAPTER IV.

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**Missouri State Board of Nursing**

**Web Link:** <http://pr.mo.gov/nursing.asp>

**Statute Link :** <http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/20csr/20csr.asp#20-2200>

**APRN Statutes:** <http://pr.mo.gov/nursing-advanced-practice.asp>

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**\*Montana State Board of Nursing**

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**Statute Link :** <http://mt.gov/dli/nur/applications.asp>

**APRN Statutes:** See Above

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**Nebraska Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Board**

**Web Link:** <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/crl/nursing/nursingindex.htm>

**Statute Link :** <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/crl/nursing/nursingindex.htm>

**APRN Statutes:** CNS and NP both

**CNS & NP :** <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/crl/nursing/CNS/regs.htm>

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**Nevada State Board of Nursing**

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**Statute Link :** <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-632.html>

**APRN Statutes:** See above Chapter 632.012

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**New Hampshire Board of Nursing**

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**Statute Link :** <http://www.nh.gov/nursing/rules/index.html>

**APRN Statutes:** See above Section 326-B:18

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**New Jersey Board of Nursing**

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**Statute Link :** <http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/laws/nursinglaws.pdf>

**APRN Statutes:** See Above Chapter 45:11-49

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**New Mexico Board of Nursing**

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**APRN Statutes:** See above Chapter 61-3-23.2

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**New York State Board of Nursing**

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**Statute Link :** <http://www.op.nysed.gov/part64.htm>

**APRN Statutes:** See above 64.4

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**North Carolina Board of Nursing**

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**Statute Link :** [See links -Laws and Rules :Nurse Practice Act](#)

**APRN Statutes:** <http://www.ncbon.com/content.aspx?id=648>

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**North Dakota Board of Nursing**

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**Statute Link :** <http://www.legis.nd.gov/cencode/t43c121.pdf>

**APRN Statutes:** See above -Integrated.

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**Ohio Board of Nursing**

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**Statute Link :** <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4723>

**APRN Statutes:** <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4723-8>

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**Oklahoma Board of Nursing**

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**Statute Link :** <http://www.youroklahoma.com/nursing/actwp.pdf>

**APRN Statutes:** See above subsection 5

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**Oregon State Board of Nursing**

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**Statute Link :** <http://www.osbn.state.or.us/OSBN/adminrules.shtml>

**APRN Statutes:** Se above Division 50 and 54

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**Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing**

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**Statute Link**

: [http://www.dos.state.pa.us/bpoa/lib/bpoa/20/nurs\\_board/nurseact.pdf](http://www.dos.state.pa.us/bpoa/lib/bpoa/20/nurs_board/nurseact.pdf)

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Statutes: <http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/049/chapter21/subchapCtoc.html>

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**Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education**

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**Statute Link :** <http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE5/5-34/INDEX.HTM>

**APRN Statutes:** see above Chapter 5-34-35 to 41

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**South Carolina State Board of Nursing**

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**Statute Link :** <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t40c033.htm>

**APRN Statutes:** See above section 40-33-20. 5

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**South Dakota Board of Nursing**

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**Statute Link**

: <http://legis.state.sd.us/statutes/DisplayStatute.aspx?Statute=36-9&Type=StatuteChapter>

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**Tennessee State Board of Nursing**

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Statute Link : <http://www.state.tn.us/sos/rules/1000/1000-01.pdf>

APRN Statutes: <http://www.state.tn.us/sos/rules/1000/1000-04.pdf>

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Web Link: <http://www.bon.state.tx.us>

Statute Link

: [http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac\\_view=3&ti=22&pt=11](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=3&ti=22&pt=11)

APRN Statutes: See Above Section 219 -222

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**Utah State Board of Nursing**

Web Link: <http://dopl.utah.gov/licensing/nursing.html>

Statute Link : <http://dopl.utah.gov/laws/58-31b.pdf>

APRN Statutes: Woven throughout above

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**Vermont State Board of Nursing**

Web Link: <http://www.vtprofessionals.org/opr1/nurses/>

Statute Link

: <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/fullchapter.cfm?Title=26&Chapter=028>

APRN Statutes: See above Chapter 4.8

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**Virginia Board of Nursing**

Web Link: <http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/nursing/>

Statute Link : [http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/nursing/nursing\\_laws\\_regs.htm](http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/nursing/nursing_laws_regs.htm)

APRN Statutes: For CNS See Above Section 18VAC90-20-280.

For NP See Above and select Licensing for NP

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**Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission**

Web Link: <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/hpqa1/hps6/Nursing/default.htm>

Statute Link : <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=18.79>

APRN Statutes: See Above and select Advanced registered Nursing Practice

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**West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses**

Web Link: <http://www.wvrnboard.com/>

Statute Link

: <http://www.wvsos.com/csr/rules.asp?Agency=Registered%20Professional%20Nurses>

APRN Statutes: <http://www.wvsos.com/csr/verify.asp?TitleSeries=19-07>

<http://www.wvsos.com/csr/verify.asp?TitleSeries=19-08>

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**Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing**

Web Link: <http://drl.wi.gov/>

Statute Link : <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/statutes/Stat0050.pdf>

& <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/n/n003.pdf>

APRN Statutes: <http://drl.wi.gov/prof/nura/def.htm>

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**Wyoming State Board of Nursing**

**Web Link:** <http://nursing.state.wy.us/>

**Statute Link :** <http://nursing.state.wy.us/Main.asp?MainMode=19>

**APRN Statutes:** <http://nursing.state.wy.us/rules/pdfdocs/Ch4-Apr01.pdf>

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**"Candidate /Employer Resources".**

The procedure for applying for an advanced practice nursing in psychiatric nursing varies from state to state. Some states allow for temporary license's pending verification of educational preparation and certification when required. See the Table 2 below;

STATE	STATUTE	HYPERLINKS FOR REGULATIONS & APPLICATIONS
ALABAMA	The requirements for Advanced Practice Nursing as CRNA and CNS are posted: <a href="http://www.abn.alabama.gov">www.abn.alabama.gov</a> > Nurse Practice Act > Article 5 Advanced Practice Nursing, and > Alabama Board of Nursing Administrative Code > Chapter 610-X-9 Advanced Practice Nursing, and Chapter 610-X-2-.05 Definitions, Advanced Practice Nursing	<a href="http://www.abn.state.al.us/main/download/applications/applications.html">http://www.abn.state.al.us/main/download/applications/applications.html</a>
ALASKA	Individuals must hold a current RN license to be eligible for an ANP or RNA authorization. Applicants must meet educational and national certification requirements. See Article 4 of 12 AAC 44. for Advanced Nurse Practitioners and Article 5 of 12 AAC 44. for Registered Nurse	<a href="http://www.dced.state.ak.us/occ/pnur1.htm">http://www.dced.state.ak.us/occ/pnur1.htm</a>
ARIZONA	Completed advanced practice nursing education program within past 5 years or practiced as an APRN in your category & specialty area within the past 5 years, have current national certification in your category & specialty, or completed the required education and precepted practice as specified in the Nurse Practice Act R4-19-506 (C) (2). The NPA can be viewed on our website at	<a href="http://www.azbn.gov/AdvancedPractice.aspx">http://www.azbn.gov/AdvancedPractice.aspx</a>

	www.azbn.gov	
<b>ARKANSAS</b>	<p>The Nurse Practice Act of 1995 provided for the Advanced Nurse Practitioner category of Advanced Practice Nurses. In addition to the requirement for completion of a nurse practitioner program, the licensee must also have certification from a board approved national certifying body. Arkansas is the only state which has the designation of both a Registered Nurse Practitioner and an Advanced Nurse Practitioner. 17-87-302. Advanced practice nurses</p>	<a href="http://www.arsbn.org/forms.html">http://www.arsbn.org/forms.html</a>
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	<p>AB 1253, Chapter 420, Matthews and AB 1017, Chapter 712, Jackson were signed into law by Governor Gray Davis in October 2001. These bills amend the Evidence Code, Government Code, Health and Safety Code, and the Insurance Code to allow the following registered nurses to bill for counseling services for victims of crime: A person licensed as a registered nurse pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 2700) of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, who possesses a master's degree in psychiatric mental health nursing and is listed as a psychiatric-mental health nurse by the Board of Registered Nursing. An advanced practice registered nurse who is certified as a clinical nurse specialist pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 2838) of Chapter 6 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code and who participates in expert clinical practice in the specialty of psychiatric mental health nursing.</p>	<a href="http://www.rn.ca.gov/licensees/lic-renewal.shtml">http://www.rn.ca.gov/licensees/lic-renewal.shtml</a>
<b>COLORADO</b>	<p>Scope of practice as an Advanced Practice Nurse is determined by the role and specialty for which you are recognized on the Advanced Practice Registry. See the Chapter XIV rules for further detail. Specialty for the Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) is the focus of the CNS program (for example: Adult, Medical/Surgical Nursing, Pediatrics, Mental Health, etc.)  Scope of practice as an Advanced Practice Nurse is determined by the role and specialty for which you are recognized on the Advanced Practice Registry. See the Chapter XIV rules for further detail. Specialty for the Nurse Practitioner (NP) is the focus</p>	<a href="http://www.dora.state.co.us/nursing/licensing/advancedpractice.htm">http://www.dora.state.co.us/nursing/licensing/advancedpractice.htm</a>



	of the NP program (for example: Adult, Family, Women's Health, Pediatrics, Mental Health, etc.)	
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	Advanced nursing practice is defined as the performance of advanced level nursing practice activities that, by virtue of post basic specialized education and experience, are appropriate to and may be performed by an advanced practice registered nurse. Section 20-87a.	<a href="http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3121&amp;q=389398">http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3121&amp;q=389398</a>
<b>DELAWARE</b>	The Delaware Nurse Practice Act requires that a current Advanced Practice Nurse Delaware temporary permit or valid Delaware license be issued to you <b>BEFORE</b> you are employed as an Advanced Practice Nurse in Delaware. Advanced Practice Nurses licensed by the Delaware Board of Nursing are required to have a collaborative agreement as defined in Section 8.4 of the Board's Rules and Regulations	<a href="http://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/nursing/forms.shtml">http://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/nursing/forms.shtml</a>
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>	In accordance with Section 5711.9 (Nurse Anesthetists), Section 5811.9 (Nurse Midwives), and Section 5911.9 (Nurse Practitioners), a supervisor shall be fully responsible for the practice by an applicant during the period of supervision and shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board for any violation of the Act by the applicant. The advanced registered nurse applicant can work under supervised practice for ninety (90) days from the date of initial employment	<a href="http://hpla.doh.dc.gov/hpla/cwp/view.A1195.Q.488519.hplaNav.%7C30661%7C..asp">http://hpla.doh.dc.gov/hpla/cwp/view.A1195.Q.488519.hplaNav.%7C30661%7C..asp</a>
<b>FLORIDA</b>	Florida will recognize the title CNS as an upgrade to the RN license but CNSs will not have the title of Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP). Nurses with the title CNS will have the following sub-specialties available: Advanced Diabetes Management, Adult Health, Child/Adolescent Psychiatric & Mental Health, Psychiatric & Mental Health, Gerontological, Pediatric, and Public/Community Health, Advanced Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist, Certified Critical-Care Nurse Specialist Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNP) may not function at an advanced or specialized level of nursing until you receive certification as an ARNP by the Florida Board of Nursing. A current Florida Registered Nurse license is required prior to	CNS: <a href="http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/nursing/nur_CNS_info.html">http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/nursing/nur_CNS_info.html</a> NP: <a href="http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/nursing/nur_ARNP_req.html">http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/nursing/nur_ARNP_req.html</a>

	certification. For ARNP licensure requirements, refer to sections 464.008 and 464.009, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rules 64B9-3.002 & 3.008, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).	
<b>GEORGIA</b>	Advanced practice registered nurses include nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, psychology/mental health, certified registered nurse anesthetists, and certified nurse midwives. Advanced nursing practice is practice by a registered professional nurse who meets the educational, practice, and national certification requirements specified by the Georgia Board of Nursing, and is authorized to practice by the Board.	<a href="http://sos.georgia.gov/plb/rn/">http://sos.georgia.gov/plb/rn/</a>
<b>HAWAII</b>	<p>§16-89-77 Definitions. As used in this subchapter:</p> <p>"Advanced practice registered nurse (APRN)" means a registered nurse licensed to practice in this State who has met the qualifications set forth in chapter 457, HRS, and this subchapter, who, because of advanced education and specialized training, is authorized to perform acts of assessment, prevention, and the utilization of medical, therapeutic, or corrective measures.</p> <p>"Certification" means a form of specialized credentialing, under sponsorship of a recognized national certifying body that has verified an applicant's advanced knowledge, skills, and abilities in defined areas of nurse practice specialties as listed in section 16-89-85.</p>	<a href="http://hawaii.gov/dcca/areas/pvl/boards/nursing/application_publications/">http://hawaii.gov/dcca/areas/pvl/boards/nursing/application_publications/</a>
<b>IDAHO</b>	<p>Advanced practice professional nurse licensure (CNM, CNS, NP, RNA). If you are applying for APPN licensure and are not <u>currently</u> licensed to practice in Idaho as a professional nurse (RN), you must apply for professional <u>and</u> advanced practice professional nurse licensure and pay both licensure fees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary licensure. Idaho has a mandatory nurse licensure law requiring nurses to be licensed to practice in Idaho at the time of employment. A temporary license may be issued for an interim period of ninety (90) days while the application for renewable licensure is being processed. 54-1409.</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www2.state.id.us/ibn/forms.htm">http://www2.state.id.us/ibn/forms.htm</a>
<b>ILLINOIS</b>	"Advanced practice nurse" or "APN" means a	<a href="http://www.idfpr.com/dpr/apply/apn.asp">http://www.idfpr.com/dpr/apply/apn.asp</a>

	<p>person who: is licensed as a registered professional nurse under the Act; meets the requirements for licensure as an advanced practice nurse under Section 15-10 of the Act; except as provided in Section 15-25 of the Act, has a written collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician in the diagnosis of illness and management of wellness and other conditions as appropriate to the level and area of his or her practice in accordance with Section 15-15 of the Act; <u>Section 1305.10</u></p>	
<p><b>INDIANA</b></p>	<p>Affected: IC 25-23-1Sec. 4. (a) "Nurse practitioner" means an advanced practice nurse who provides advanced levels of nursing client care in a specialty role, who meets the requirements of an advanced practice nurse as outlined in section 3 of this rule "Clinical nurse specialist" means an advanced practice nurse who does the following:(1) Meets the requirements of an advanced practice nurse as outlined in section 3 of this rule.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.in.gov/pla/2493.htm">http://www.in.gov/pla/2493.htm</a></p>
<p><b>IOWA</b></p>	<p>Current licensure as a registered nurse in Iowa or licensure as a registered nurse in another compact state, which is your primary state of residence. Primary state of residence is defined as the state where you hold a driver's license, vote and pay taxes. Graduation from a program leading to a master's degree in a nursing clinical specialty area with preparation in specialized practitioner skills; OR Satisfactory completion of a formal advanced practice educational program of study, in a nursing specialty, approved by the board with appropriate clinical experience approved by the board. Time-dated advanced level certification by the appropriate national certifying body approved by the board. (See Section III if you are a new graduate and have not received documentation of current certification.)</p>	<p><a href="http://www.iowa.gov/nursing/licensure/advanced_reg_nurse.html">http://www.iowa.gov/nursing/licensure/advanced_reg_nurse.html</a></p>
<p><b>KANSAS</b></p>	<p>Certificate of qualification in Kansas is mandatory to practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP). You may not be employed to practice as an ARNP in Kansas until certified or issued a temporary permit by the Kansas State Board of Nursing. Licensure/ certification in another state, territory or</p>	<p><a href="http://www.ksbn.org/forms/forms.htm">http://www.ksbn.org/forms/forms.htm</a></p>

	<p>country does not grant applicants the privilege of practicing as an ARNP in Kansas. ARNP applicants must also have an active license as a Registered Professional Nurse in Kansas.</p>	
<p><b>KENTUCKY</b></p>	<p>KRS 314.042 (5): "Any person who holds a registration and designation to practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner in this state shall have the right to use the title "advanced registered nurse practitioner" and the abbreviation "ARNP". In Kentucky, you must use the title "ARNP" after your signature. If you choose to do so, you may follow the title "ARNP" with your designation and specialty. KBN recognizes the advanced practice designations: Nurse Practitioner&amp; Clinical Nurse Specialist</p>	<p><a href="http://www.kbn.ky.gov/license/arnp/arnp_app2.htm">http://www.kbn.ky.gov/license/arnp/arnp_app2.htm</a></p>
<p><b>LOUISIANA</b></p>	<p>Advanced practice registered nursing in the Nurse Practice Act, R.S. 37:913 (3), and in the Administrative Code, LAC 46:XLVII.4513 and 4515. Advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) means a licensed registered nurse who is certified by a nationally recognized certifying body as having an advanced nursing specialty as described in §4507 Advanced Practice Registered Nursing— by a clinical nurse specialist, or nurse practitioner Advanced Practice Registered Nursing Specialty—a designated area of advanced practice in which the registered nurse holds a master's degree with a concentration in the respective area of practice</p>	<p><a href="http://www.lsbm.state.la.us/documents/Forms/LicenseRequest.pdf">http://www.lsbm.state.la.us/documents/Forms/LicenseRequest.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>MAINE</b></p>	<p>Advanced practice registered nursing. "Advanced practice registered nursing" (A.P.R.N.) means the practice of a registered professional nurse who, on the basis of specialized education and experience, is authorized under these rules to deliver expanded professional health care. Certified nurse practitioner. "Certified nurse practitioner" (C.N.P.) means a registered professional nurse who has received post-graduate education designed to prepare the nurse for advanced practice registered nursing in a specialty area in nursing that has a defined scope of practice and has been certified in the clinical specialty by a national certifying organization acceptable to the Board. Certified clinical nurse specialist. Certified</p>	<p><a href="http://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/licensing/index.html">http://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/licensing/index.html</a></p>

	<p>clinical nurse specialist" (C.N.S.) means a registered professional nurse who has received post-graduate education in a master's degree program accredited by the National League for Nursing (N.L.N.) Or American Association of Colleges of Nursing in a specialty area in nursing, and who has been certified as a clinical nurse specialist by a national certifying organization acceptable to the Board. Chapter 5.</p>	
<p><b>MARYLAND</b></p>	<p>Nurse practitioner" means a registered nurse who by reason of certification under these regulations may engage in the activities authorized by these regulations. 10.27.07.01 Advanced practice registered nurse/psychiatric mental health (APRN/PMH)" means a registered nurse certified by the Board to autonomously and independently engage in activities authorized by this chapter. 10.27.12.02</p>	<p><a href="http://www.mbon.org/main.php?v=norm&amp;p=0&amp;c=adv_prac/aprn.html">http://www.mbon.org/main.php?v=norm&amp;p=0&amp;c=adv_prac/aprn.html</a></p>
<p><b>MASSACHUSETTS</b></p>	<p>Practice in the expanded role means professional nursing activity engaged in by a registered nurse in accordance with 244 CMR 4.00 and involving the employment of advanced skills including the evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of patients with diseases and adverse health conditions. It also means the management of therapeutic regimens for acute and chronic problems associated with such diseases and conditions. Includes Nurse Practitioner and Psychiatric Nurse Mental Health Clinical Specialist (Advanced Practice authorization) and the Board's regulations at 244 CMR 4.00, 8.02(1)(a), 8.03(1)(a), 8.04(1)(a), 8.04(2)(a), 8.04(3)(a), and 9.03.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eohhs2terminal&amp;L=6&amp;L0=Home&amp;L1=Provider&amp;L2=Certification%2c+Licensure%2c+and+Registration&amp;L3=Occupational+and+Professional&amp;L4=Nursing&amp;L5=Licensing&amp;sid=Eeohhs2&amp;b=terminalcontent&amp;f=dph_quality_boards_nursing_p_apps_forms&amp;csid=Eeohhs2">http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eohhs2terminal&amp;L=6&amp;L0=Home&amp;L1=Provider&amp;L2=Certification%2c+Licensure%2c+and+Registration&amp;L3=Occupational+and+Professional&amp;L4=Nursing&amp;L5=Licensing&amp;sid=Eeohhs2&amp;b=terminalcontent&amp;f=dph_quality_boards_nursing_p_apps_forms&amp;csid=Eeohhs2</a></p>
<p><b>MICHIGAN</b></p>	<p>Np's and CNS's must hold a current Michigan R.N. license and have a Bachelor of Science degree, or higher degree, in nursing, in addition to Specialty Certification form to verify you hold certification: Chapter 244 CMR 4.00 Expanded Role</p>	<p><a href="http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-27417_27529_27542---,00.html">http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-27417_27529_27542---,00.html</a></p>
<p><b>MINNESOTA</b></p>	<p>Advanced practice registered nurse. An advanced practice registered nurse certified as a certified clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, certified nurse practitioner, or certified registered nurse anesthetist shall use the appropriate designation: RN, CNS; RN,CNM; RN,CNP; or RN,CRNA for personal identification and in</p>	<p><a href="http://www.state.mn.us/portal/mn/jsp/content.do?rc_layout=bottom&amp;subchannel=null&amp;programid=536898784&amp;sc3=null&amp;sc2=null&amp;id=-536882403&amp;agency=NursingBoard">http://www.state.mn.us/portal/mn/jsp/content.do?rc_layout=bottom&amp;subchannel=null&amp;programid=536898784&amp;sc3=null&amp;sc2=null&amp;id=-536882403&amp;agency=NursingBoard</a></p>

	<p>documentation of services provided. Identification of educational degrees and specialty fields may be added. History: 1999 c 172 s 4,18</p>	
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	<p>All new graduates need to have graduated from a recognized program, have achieved or scheduled to take the certification examination with a recognized certifying body, and complete 720 hours of supervised practice. They must also complete the application process for advanced practice status with the board including the interview with the board. The APRN needs to apply for a DEA number and then apply to the board for permission to prescribe II-IV drugs. This process is also overseen by the BOM in that II and III can only be approved by the whole board</p>	<p><a href="http://www.msbn.state.ms.us/newliceapps.htm">http://www.msbn.state.ms.us/newliceapps.htm</a> (Included in RN application)</p>
<b>MISSOURI</b>	<p>Advanced practice nurse—A registered professional nurse as defined in section 335.016(2), RSMo and who is a nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist. Advanced practice nursing clinical specialty— Recognized advanced body of nursing knowledge and specialized acts of advanced professional nursing practice 20 CSR 2200-4.100 Advanced Practice Nurse</p>	<p><a href="http://pr.mo.gov/nursing-advanced-practice.asp">http://pr.mo.gov/nursing-advanced-practice.asp</a></p>
<b>MONTANA</b>	<p>*8.32.308(4) The graduate APRN working with a temporary APRN permit, must have a consultant. The consultant must be recognized as a Montana advanced practice registered nurse, or physician whose practice encompasses the scope of the graduate APRN and must be available to the graduate APRN at all times.(History: Sec. 37-1-305, 37-8-202, MCA; IMP , Sec. 37-1-305, 37-1-319, 37-8-202, MCA; NEW, 1996 MAR p. 419, Eff. 2/9/96; AMD, 2000 MAR p. 2681, Eff. 10/6/00.)</p>	<p><a href="http://mt.gov/dli/bsd/license/bsd_boards/nur_board/licenses/nur/pdf/aprn_app(i).pdf">http://mt.gov/dli/bsd/license/bsd_boards/nur_board/licenses/nur/pdf/aprn_app(i).pdf</a></p>
<b>NEBRASKA</b>	<p>A Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) is a <u>registered nurse</u> who has a master's or doctoral degree in a nursing clinical specialty area or master's degree in nursing and has successfully completed a graduate-level clinical nurse specialist education program. An <i>Advanced Practice Registered Nurse-Nurse Practitioner</i> (APRN-NP) is a <u>registered nurse</u> who has obtained additional education and licensure</p>	<p>CNS: <a href="http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/crl/nursing/CNS/apps.htm">http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/crl/nursing/CNS/apps.htm</a> NP: <a href="http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/crl/nursing/APRN/apps.htm">http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/crl/nursing/APRN/apps.htm</a></p>

	to manage common health problems and chronic conditions including prescribing treatments and medications.	
NEVADA	<p>“Advanced practitioner of nursing” defined. (NRS 632.120) “Advanced practitioner of nursing” means a registered professional nurse who has specialized skill, knowledge and experience obtained from an organized formal program of training and who is authorized in special conditions as set forth in <u>NAC 632.255</u> to <u>632.295</u>, inclusive, to provide designated services in addition to those which a registered nurse is authorized to perform. Bd. of Nursing, § III subsec. C par. 1 subpar. d, eff. 5-16-79]—(NAC A 3-28-86, eff. 4-3-86; 3-26-90; 11-19-93; R141-97, 1-26-98; R081-06, 6-28-2006)</p> <p>NAC 632.037 “Clinical nurse specialist” defined. (NRS 632.120) “Clinical nurse specialist” means a registered nurse who, through study and supervised practice at the graduate level, is proficient in a defined area of knowledge and practice in a selected clinical area of nursing. (Added to NAC by Bd. of Nursing, eff. 8-18-88)</p>	<p><a href="http://www.nursingboard.state.nv.us/advprac/How%20to%20apply%20for%20APN%20certification.htm#Qualifications%20for%20Nevada%20Certificate%20of%20Recognition%20as%20an%20Advanced%20Practitioner%20of%20Nursing%20(APN)">http://www.nursingboard.state.nv.us/advprac/How%20to%20apply%20for%20APN%20certification.htm#Qualifications%20for%20Nevada%20Certificate%20of%20Recognition%20as%20an%20Advanced%20Practitioner%20of%20Nursing%20(APN)</a></p>
NEW HAMPSHIRE	<p>An applicant for initial ARNP licensure shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Hold a current license as a registered nurse;</li> <li>(b) Have graduated with a graduate degree earned in an accredited advanced registered nurse practitioner education program or have graduated before July 1, 2004 from an ARNP education program accredited by a national accrediting body;</li> <li>(c) Be currently certified by a board-recognized national certifying body in the specialty for which the applicant was educated; and</li> <li>(d) Meet other criteria as established by the board. 326-B:18</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.nh.gov/nursing/general/index.html">http://www.nh.gov/nursing/general/index.html</a></p>
NEW JERSEY	<p>Certification via the New Jersey Board of Nursing is required to be an Advance Practice Nurse in New Jersey. <b><u>N.J.A.C. 13:37-7.1 (a)</u></b> Any nurse who wishes to practice as a nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist, or present, call or represent himself or herself as a nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist must be certified by the Board. An A.P.N., C. in New Jersey has prescriptive authority and is required to have a joint protocol with a collaborating physician who is licensed in New Jersey,</p>	<p><a href="http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/medical/nursing.htm#apn">http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/medical/nursing.htm#apn</a></p>



	prior to prescribing any medication or medical device.	
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>	Advanced practice" means the practice of professional registered nursing by a registered nurse who has been prepared through additional formal education as provided in Sections <u>61-3-23.2</u> through <u>61-3-23.4</u> NMSA 1978 to function beyond the scope of practice of professional registered nursing, including certified nurse practitioners, certified registered nurse anesthetists and clinical nurse specialists;	<a href="http://www.bon.state.nm.us/forms.php">http://www.bon.state.nm.us/forms.php</a>
<b>NEW YORK</b>	A nurse practitioner is certified to practice in a <b>specific specialty area</b> . You may be certified in more than one specialty, but you must submit a separate application and fee for each specialty and demonstrate that you have satisfied the education requirements specific to that specialty area. Current specialty areas are: Acute Care, Adult Health, Community Health, Family Health, Gerontology, Holistic Nursing, Neonatology, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Oncology, Pediatrics, Palliative Care, Perinatology, Psychiatry, School Health, Women's Health.	<a href="http://www.op.nysed.gov/nurseformsnp.htm">http://www.op.nysed.gov/nurseformsnp.htm</a>
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse" (APRN) is an umbrella title for RNs who are Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, Certified Nurse Midwives, Clinical Nurse Specialists or Nurse Practitioners. Completion of an advanced formal education program is required for recognition to practice in any of these categories. The specific scopes of practice and requirements for recognition to practice in North Carolina for each APRN category are defined in Administrative Rules, which may be obtained from the North Carolina Board of Nursing.	<a href="http://www.ncbon.com/NursePractitioner/default.aspx?id=1562">http://www.ncbon.com/NursePractitioner/default.aspx?id=1562</a>
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>	"Advanced practice registered nurse" means an individual who holds a current license to practice in this state as an advanced practice registered nurse Submit evidence of appropriate education and current certification in an advanced nursing role by a national nursing organization meeting criteria as established by the board. An advanced practice registered nurse applicant must have a graduate degree with a nursing focus or must have completed the educational requirements in effect when the	<a href="http://www.ndbon.org/forms.shtml">http://www.ndbon.org/forms.shtml</a>



	applicant was initially licensed. 43-12.1-09. Initial licensure and registration	
<b>OHIO</b>	<p>“Advanced practice nurse” means a certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner as provided in division (O) of section <u>4723.01</u> of the Revised Code. “Clinical nurse specialist” means a registered nurse who has met the requirements of section <u>4723.41</u> of the Revised Code, and who holds a current valid certificate of authority issued by the board under section <u>4723.42</u> of the Revised Code.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.nursing.ohio.gov/Forms.htm">http://www.nursing.ohio.gov/Forms.htm</a></p>
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	<p>There are two categories of advanced practice nurses psychiatric defined in the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act: the Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP), and Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS). The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act requires current licensure as a registered nurse and temporary recognition or initial certificate of recognition for practice as an advanced practice nurse from the Oklahoma Board of Nursing prior to employment in Oklahoma in a role that requires recognition as an advanced practice nurse or identifying oneself as an advanced practice nurse. The advanced practice nurse must hold a separate recognition in each specialty area for which he/she has obtained the required education and certification</p>	<p><a href="http://www.youroklahoma.com/nursing/forms3.html">http://www.youroklahoma.com/nursing/forms3.html</a></p>
<b>OREGON</b>	<p>Nurse practitioner means a nurse who provides care in an expanded role. Section 851-050. Clinical nurse Specialist is a nurse who has been approved to provide care in an expanded role. 851-054. Neither can be used without approval of the state.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.osbn.state.or.us/OSBN/forms.shtml">http://www.osbn.state.or.us/OSBN/forms.shtml</a> See CNS and NP packets</p>
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<p>Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP)—A registered nurse licensed in this Commonwealth who is certified by the Boards in a particular clinical specialty area and who, while functioning in the expanded role as a professional nurse, performs acts of medical diagnosis or prescription of medical therapeutic or corrective measures in collaboration with and under the direction of a physician licensed to practice medicine in this Commonwealth. Nothing in this subchapter is to be deemed to limit or prohibit a nurse from engaging in those</p>	<p><a href="http://www.dos.state.pa.us/bpoa/cwp/view.asp?a=1104&amp;q=432876">http://www.dos.state.pa.us/bpoa/cwp/view.asp?a=1104&amp;q=432876</a> See board forms and applications</p>

	<p>activities which normally constitute the practice of nursing as defined in section 2 of The Professional Nursing Law (63 P. S. § 212).</p>	
<p>RHODE ISLAND</p>	<p>Advanced practice nurse" means the status of qualified individuals who hold an active license as a registered nurse and an active license as a nurse in an advanced role as defined under the provisions of this chapter or chapter 5-34.2. Certified registered nurse practitioner" is an advanced practice nurse utilizing independent knowledge of physical assessment and management of health care and illnesses. The practice includes prescriptive privileges. The practice includes collaboration with other licensed health care professionals including, but not limited to, physicians, pharmacists, podiatrists, dentists and nurses. "Psychiatric and mental health nurse clinical specialist" is an advanced practice nurse utilizing independent knowledge and management of mental health and illnesses. The practice may include prescription privileges of certain legend medications, controlled substances from Schedule II classified as stimulants, and controlled substances from Schedule IV within the scope of their practice. The practice may include collaboration with other licensed health care professionals, including, but not limited to, psychiatrists, psychologists, physicians, pharmacists, and nurses. The psychiatric and mental health clinical specialist holds the qualifications defined in § 5-34-40.1. Registered Nurse Practitioner/Psychiatric &amp; Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist: All applicants for prescriptive privileges who wish to prescribe controlled substances must complete the Rhode Island Uniformed Controlled Substances Act Registration (CSR). A Federal DEA registration number will not be issued without proof the practitioner has a Rhode Island issued CSR.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.health.ri.gov/hsr/professions/rn_app.php">http://www.health.ri.gov/hsr/professions/rn_app.php</a></p>
<p>SOUTH CAROLINA</p>	<p>Advanced Practice Registered Nurse" or "APRN" means a registered nurse who is prepared for an advanced practice registered nursing role by virtue of additional knowledge and skills gained through an advanced formal education program of nursing in a specialty area that is approved by the board. The categories of APRN are nurse practitioner, certified</p>	<p><a href="http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/index.asp?file=PUB.HTM">http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/index.asp?file=PUB.HTM</a></p>

	<p>nurse-midwife, clinical nurse specialist, and certified registered nurse anesthetist. An advanced practice registered nurse shall hold a doctorate, a post-nursing master's certificate, or a minimum of a master's degree that includes advanced education composed of didactic and supervised clinical practice in a specific area of advanced practice registered nursing. In addition to those activities considered the practice of registered nursing, an APRN may perform delegated medical acts. Clinical Nurse Specialist" or "CNS" means an advanced practice registered nurse who is a clinician with a high degree of knowledge, skill, and competence in a practice discipline of nursing. This nurse shall hold a master's degree in nursing, with an emphasis in clinical nursing. These nurses are directly available to the public through the provision of nursing care to clients and indirectly available through guidance and planning of care with other nursing personnel. A CNS who performs delegated medical acts is required to have physician support and to practice within approved written protocols. A CNS who does not perform delegated medical acts is not required to have physician support or to practice within approved written protocols as provided in Section 40-33-34</p>	
<p><b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b></p>	<p>"Nurse practitioner," a provider duly authorized under this chapter to practice the specialty of nurse practitioner as defined in § 36-9A-12; 36-9A-2. Board license required to practice as nurse practitioner or nurse midwife. No person may practice or offer to practice as a nurse practitioner</p>	<p><a href="http://doh.sd.gov/Boards/nursing/CnpAll.aspx">http://doh.sd.gov/Boards/nursing/CnpAll.aspx</a></p>
<p><b>TENNESSEE</b></p>	<p>Certification by the Tennessee Board of Nursing as an advanced practice nurse shall authorize such person to represent him/herself as an advanced practice nurse under the appropriate category of nurse practitioner, nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife or clinical nurse specialist. (3) The Nurse Practice Act, T.C.A. §§ 63-7-101, et seq., requires a certification process for a nurse practitioner to prescribe and/or issue legend drugs. These rules implement this certification process only and set forth the requirements a nurse must meet for certification as a nurse practitioner who prescribes and/or issues</p>	

	<p>legend drugs. Ann. § 48-249-1109 This Public Chapter adds a new subsection to Tenn. Code allowing Advance Practice Nurses ("APNs") to enter into PLLCs with allopathic and osteopathic physicians. This gives APNs the ability to enter into PLLCs with physicians</p>	
<p><b>TEXAS</b></p>	<p>A registered nurse holding him or herself out to be an advanced practice nurse shall be authorized to practice and hold a title in the following categories of nurse practitioner in the following specialties: Psychiatric/ Mental Health; and clinical nurse specialist in Psychiatric/ Mental Health Nursing. A registered nurse who holds current authorization to practice as an advanced practice nurse issued by the board in any of the categories indicated in the previous subsection shall use that title when functioning in the advanced practice role. A registered nurse who was granted authorization to practice in an advanced role and specialty not indicated in the previous subsection prior to January 1, 2006, may continue to use the advanced practice title approved by the Board provided all requirements for maintenance of advanced practice authorization are met. "Advanced practice nurse" shall not be used as a title. Unless authorized as an advanced practice nurse by the board as provided for by §§221.4 - 221.8</p>	<p><a href="http://www.bon.state.tx.us/practice/gen-apn.html">http://www.bon.state.tx.us/practice/gen-apn.html</a></p>
<p><b>UTAH</b></p>	<p>"Practice of advanced practice registered nursing" means the practice of nursing within the generally recognized scope and standards of advanced practice registered nursing as defined by rule and consistent with professionally recognized preparation and education standards of an advanced practice registered nurse by a person licensed under this chapter as an advanced practice registered nurse. An individual holding an advanced practice registered nurse license as of July 1, 1998, who cannot document the successful completion of advanced course work in patient assessment, diagnosis and treatment, and pharmaco therapeutics, may not prescribe and shall be issued an "APRN - without prescriptive practice" license. The division shall grant an advanced practice registered nurse license to any licensed advanced practice registered nurse currently holding</p>	<p><a href="http://dopl.utah.gov/licensing/nursing.html">http://dopl.utah.gov/licensing/nursing.html</a></p>

	prescriptive authority under any predecessor act on July 1, 1998. 58-31b-301.	
<b>VERMONT</b>	The term Advanced Practice Registered Nurse will be used to describe all the categories of registered nurses in advanced nursing practice. These categories shall include but not be limited to: Clinical Specialist in Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing. Chapter 4, Subchapter 8	<a href="http://www.vtprofessionals.org/opr1/nurses/">http://www.vtprofessionals.org/opr1/nurses/</a>
<b>VIRGINIA</b>	The boards shall license nurse practitioners consistent with their specialty education and certification in the following categories ....10. Psychiatric nurse practitioner. Other categories of licensed nurse practitioners shall be licensed if the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine determines that the category meets the requirements of this chapter. Nurse practitioners licensed prior to March 9, 2005 may retain the specialty category in which they were initially licensed, or if the specialty category has been subsequently deleted and if qualified by certification, be re-issued a license in a specialty category consistent with such certification. 18VAC90-30-70 "Clinical nurse specialist" means a person who is registered by the Board in addition to holding a license under the provisions of this chapter to practice professional nursing as defined in this section. Such a person shall be recognized as being able to provide advanced services according to the specialized training received from a program approved by the Board, but shall not be entitled to perform any act that is not within the scope of practice of professional nursing. 54.1-3000.	<a href="http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/nursing/nursing_forms.htm#CNS">http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/nursing/nursing_forms.htm#CNS</a>
<b>WASHINGTON</b>	"Advanced registered nursing practice" means the performance of the acts of a registered nurse and the performance of an expanded role in providing health care services as recognized by the medical and nursing professions, the scope of which is defined by rule by the commission. Upon approval by the commission, an advanced registered nurse practitioner may prescribe legend drugs and controlled substances contained in Schedule V of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, chapter <u>69.50</u> RCW, and Schedules II through IV subject to RCW <u>18.79.240(1)</u> (r) or (s).	<a href="http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/Professions/Nursing/forms.htm">http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/Professions/Nursing/forms.htm</a>

<p><b>WEST VIRGINIA</b></p>	<p>Advanced nursing practice is the practice of nursing at a level which requires substantial theoretical knowledge in a specialized area of nursing practice and proficient clinical utilization of the knowledge in implementing the nursing process. The competencies of specialists include but are not limited to the ability to assess, conceptualize, diagnose, analyze, plan, implement, and evaluate complex problems related to health. 19-7-2 The advanced nurse practitioner or certified nurse-midwife shall submit a notarized application for prescriptive authority on forms provided by the Board '19-8-3.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.wvrnboard.com/default2.asp?active_page_id=60">http://www.wvrnboard.com/default2.asp?active_page_id=60</a></p>
<p><b>WISCONSIN</b></p>	<p>An advanced practice nurse prescriber (APNP) is an advanced practice nurse who has been granted a certificate to independently issue prescription orders under s. 441.16(2), Wis. Stats. An advanced practice nurse means a registered nurse who has a current license to practice professional nursing in this state; is currently certified by a national certifying body approved by the board as a nurse practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, certified registered nurse anesthetist or clinical nurse specialist; and for applicants who receive national certification as a nurse practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, certified registered nurse anesthetist or clinical nurse specialist after July 1, 1998, the registered nurse holds a master's degree in nursing or a related health field granted by a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting agency approved by the board of education in the state in which the college or university is located.</p>	<p><a href="http://drl.wi.gov/prof/rn/form.htm">http://drl.wi.gov/prof/rn/form.htm</a>  Prescribing  <a href="http://drl.wi.gov/prof/nura/cred.htm">http://drl.wi.gov/prof/nura/cred.htm</a></p>

<p><b>WYOMING</b></p>	<p>A master's degree in nursing with a clinical specialty or an advanced practice registered nurse specialty, or has completed an accredited advanced practice registered nurse educational program with a clinical specialty prior to January 1, 1999: and Completion of an advanced program of study in a specialty area in an accredited nursing program, has taken and passed a national certification examination in the same area and has been granted recognition by the Board to practice as an APRN. Specialty area(s) of advanced nursing practice shall be declared, and the specialty title(s) to be utilized shall be the title(s) granted by nationally recognized professional organization(s) and/or accrediting agency(ies) or the title(s) of the specialty area(s) of nursing practice in which the advanced practitioner of nursing has received postgraduate education preparation. In order to practice in a specialty area, the advanced practitioner of nursing must be recognized by the board in that specialty area of advanced nursing practice. CHAPTER IV</p>	<p><a href="http://nursing.state.wy.us/Main.asp?MainMode=11">http://nursing.state.wy.us/Main.asp?MainMode=11</a></p>
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### **Scope of Practice**

“Scope of practice” is a general concept defining the range of health care that can be delivered under their license as controlled by the statutory and regulatory codes. The scope of practice may be statutorily defined but is often defined by educational preparation, credential and license.

### **Prescriptive Authority**

Prescriptive authority is regulated by state statutes and vary from state to state. Individuals seeking prescriptive authority are encouraged to review the individual AAPRN nurse practice acts for the limitations, scope and procedure for applying for prescriptive authority.

### **DEA Registration:**

All APRN's are encouraged to apply for a federal DEA license. The DEA monitors compliance within each state according to the regulations of each state and the authorization to prescribe. The Schedule drugs II through V are authorized by the individual state practice acts and not the DEA. See <http://www.dea diversion.usdoj.gov/> for the DEA license application.

### **Collaboration/ Supervision**

Statutes also define the level of independent practice, that is the need for supervision by a physician. Independent practice is authorized in the majority of states but many still require some form of collaborative practice. The advanced practice may be based on an integrated

or collaborative agreement, with a physician and filed with the state boards of nursing.

*Demystifying Occupational and Professional Regulation: Answers to Questions You May Have Been Afraid to Ask*, Schmitt, K. and Shimberg, B., Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation, 1996.