

Nurse, Advanced Practice Registered (APRN)

An Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) is a Registered Nurse (RN) qualified to function independently. May perform physical examinations and diagnostic tests, develop and carry out treatment programs, or counsel patients. May prescribe medications. May specialize in a variety of areas. Includes Nurse Midwife and Nurse Anesthetist.

Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 326-B
 Administrative Rules: Chapter Nur 100 - 800

Licensure Requirements

- Must have a New Hampshire Registered Nurse license or a current compact license in a Nurse Licensure Compact party state
- Submit written application
- Be a graduate of an accepted program
- Ability to read and write the English language
- Submit evidence of passing a National certifying exam in the applicant’s category/specialty
- Applicants for initial permanent licensure or endorsement must submit a notarized criminal history record release form along with a complete set of fingerprints taken by a qualified law enforcement agency or authorized employee of the New Hampshire Department of Safety
- To continue or re-enter practice, validate 400 hours active-in-practice within four years prior to application

Regulatory Agency
<p>New Hampshire Office of Professional Licensing and Certification Board of Nursing 121 South Fruit Street Concord, New Hampshire 03301</p> <p><i>phone</i> (603) 271-2323 <i>fax</i> (603) 271-6605 <i>web</i> <www.nh.gov/nursing/> <i>contact</i> Denise Nies, MSN, RN, BC <i>e-mail</i> boardquestions@nursing.state.nh.us</p>

Examination

National certification exam in the specific area of expertise is required

Continuing Education

In addition to requirements for a Registered Nurse renewal, 30 hours of continuing education specific to the APRN specialty are required for biennial renewal, which must include at least five hours of coursework in pharmacology

Fees
Application \$100.00
FBI Criminal history record, including fingerprinting (through the NH State Police) \$51.50
Biennial renewal (per specialty area with proof of continuing education). \$100.00
<i>Biennial renewal completed at the same time as the Registered Nurse license renewal</i>

Reciprocity

Not permitted

O*Net Codes
29-1171.00 Nurse Practitioners

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Active Licenses

1,962

Related Training

Adult Health Nursing; Family Practice Nursing; Maternal, Child Health, and Neonatal Nursing; Pediatric Nursing; Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing; Critical Care Nursing; Emergency Room/Trauma Nursing; Geriatric Nursing; Women's Health Nursing; Nurse Anesthetist; Nurse Midwife

Additional Information Sources

National Council of State Boards of Nursing
<www.ncsbn.org>

New Hampshire Nurse's Association
<www.nhnurses.org>