



# State Policy Fact Sheet: American Samoa

## Nurse Practice Act:

No formal act. All health services are governed under A.S.C.A. Title 31, Chapter 10 – Health Services.

### Regulatory Structure: Reduced Practice

American Samoa constrains patient access to nurse practitioner (NP) care. NPs are required by law to maintain a regulated collaborative agreement with a physician for at least one element of NP practice.

A.S.A.C. §31.0442

### Regulatory Agency

NP practice is regulated by the [Health Services Regulatory Board](#).

A.S.C.A. §31.1003

### Licensure Requirements

Applicants must provide evidence of completed education requirements consistent with licensure as an NP.

A.S.A.C. §31.0424

### Continuing Education (CE)\*

The Health Services Regulatory Board may establish CE requirements.

A.S.A.C. §31.0428

### Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Physical Therapy: NPs are authorized to refer to physical therapy.

A.S.A.C. §31.0443

\*Contact hours in specific topics may be required. Please contact your state Board of Nursing for current information.

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