



# State Policy Fact Sheet: Arizona

## Nurse Practice Act: A.R.S. § 32-1601

### Regulatory Structure: Full Practice

Arizona practice and licensure laws authorize nurse practitioners (NPs) to evaluate patients, diagnose and prescribe medications and therapeutic measures.

A.R.S. § 32-1601

### Regulatory Agency

NP licensure is regulated exclusively by the [Board of Nursing](#).

A.R.S. § 32-1601

### Licensure Requirements

Requirements include a registered nurse license, a graduate degree in an NP role and national certification.

A.A.C. R4-19-505

### Continuing Education (CE)\*

National certification CE requirements satisfy statute.

A.A.C. R4-19-506

### Medical Staff Membership\*\*

Medical staff composition is subject to a facility's governing body and medical staff bylaws.

A.A.C. R9-10-207

### Primary Care Providers

Arizona NPs are defined as primary care providers.

A.R.S. § 36-2901

### Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Physical Therapy: NPs are authorized to refer to physical therapy.  
A.A.C. R4-19-508
- Parking Permits: NPs are authorized to provide proof of disability for parking permits.  
A.R.S. § 28-2409
- DNR: NPs are authorized to sign Do Not Resuscitate orders.  
A.R.S. § 36-419
- Death Certificates: NPs are authorized to sign death certificates.  
A.A.C. R9-19-101
- Arizona Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment ([POLST](#)): Arizona NPs and patients may utilize the provider-neutral national POLST form National POLST: A Portable Medical Order, recognized by the AZ Attorney General and AZ Judicial Court System.

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\*\*Medical Staff Membership refers to governing and voting privileges and is not reflective of clinical or admitting privileges within institutions.

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