



State Policy Fact Sheet: South Carolina

Nurse Practice Act: Code 1976 § 40-33-5

Regulatory Structure: Restricted Practice

South Carolina restricts nurse practitioner (NP) license and practice.

South Carolina state law requires NPs to have a practice agreement with a physician as a condition of providing delegated acts. South Carolina NPs must also abide by state law supply limitations on scheduled controlled substances.

See the Board of Nursing for more information.
Code 1976 § 40-33-34

Regulatory Agency

NP licensure is regulated exclusively by the [Board of Nursing \(BON\)](#).
Code 1976 § 40-33-10

Licensure Requirements

Requirements include a registered nurse license, a graduate degree in an NP role and national certification.
Code 1976 § 40-33-34

Continuing Education (CE)*

Thirty CE hours may be required every two years. See the BON for details.
Code 1976 § 40-33-40

Supervisory Agreement Ratio**

The South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners must review cases when a physician supervises more than six NPs.
Code 1976 § 40-47-195

Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Signature Recognition: South Carolina recognizes NP signatures on select items of patient care.
- Physical Therapy: NPs are authorized to refer to physical therapy.
Code 1976 § 40-33-34
- Parking Permits: NPs are authorized to provide proof of disability for disabled parking permits.
Code 1976 § 40-33-34
- DNR: NPs are authorized to sign Do Not Resuscitate orders.
Code 1976 § 40-33-34
- Death Certificates: NPs are authorized to sign death certificates.
Code 1976 § 40-33-34
- South Carolina Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST)/Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (POST): NPs are authorized to sign the POST form if authorized by practice agreement.
Code 1976 § 44-80-110

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

**Exemptions may be available. Please consult full law for guidance.

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