



# State Policy Fact Sheet: Connecticut

## Nurse Practice Act: C.G.S.A. § 20-87a

### Regulatory Structure: Full Practice

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

C.G.S.A. § 20-87a

Connecticut law requires NPs to practice in collaboration with a physician for a period of not less than three years and not less than 2,000 hours.

C.G.S.A. § 20-87a

See Board of Examiners for Nursing for more information.

C.G.S.A. § 20-94a

### Regulatory Agency

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

C.G.S.A. § 20-88

### Licensure Requirements

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

C.G.S.A. § 20-94a

### Continuing Education (CE)\*

Fifty CE hours are required every two years.

C.G.S.A. § 20-94d

### Malpractice Insurance

Connecticut NPs must have malpractice insurance that pays at least \$500,000 per claim and \$1,500,000 in the aggregate.

C.G.S.A. § 20-94c

### Medical Staff Membership\*\*

Medical staff composition is determined by facility bylaws.

C.G.S.A. § 19a-490hh

### Primary Care Providers

NPs are defined as primary care providers.

C.G.S.A. § 38a-478d

### Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Signature Recognition: Connecticut recognizes NP signatures on select items of patient care.  
2012 Public Act No. 12-197
- Physical Therapy: NPs are authorized to refer to physical therapy.  
C.G.S.A. § 20-73
- Parking Permits: NPs are authorized to provide proof of disability for parking permits.  
C.G.S.A. § 14-253a
- DNR: NPs are presently authorized to sign Do Not Resuscitate orders.  
C.G.S.A. § 19a-580d
- Death Certificates: NPs are authorized to sign death certificates.  
C.G.S.A. § 20-87a
- Connecticut Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST)/Medical Orders For Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST): NPs are authorized to sign MOLST forms.  
C.G.S.A. § 19a-580h

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

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

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