



State Policy Fact Sheet: Delaware

Nurse Practice Act: 24 Del.C. § 1901 and 1934

Regulatory Structure: Full Practice

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

24 Del.C. § 1902

Regulatory Agency

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

24 Del.C. § 1903

Licensure Requirements

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

24 Del. Adm. Code 1900-8.0

Continuing Education (CE)*

National advanced practice registered nurse certification requirements satisfy statute, in addition to specific RN requirements. Exemptions may apply. See BON for details.

24 Del. Adm. Code 1900-8.0

Medical Staff Membership**

Medical staff composition is determined by a facility's bylaws.

16 Del. Adm. Code 3370-4.0

Primary Care Providers

NPs are defined as primary care providers.

24 Del.C. § 1935

Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Physical Therapy: NPs are authorized to refer to physical therapy.
24 Del.C. § 2612
- Parking Permits: NPs are authorized to provide proof of disability for parking permits.
21 Del.C. § 2135
- Death Certificates: NPs are authorized to sign death certificates in accordance with the Nurse Practice Act.
24 Del.C. § 1935
- Delaware Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST)/Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment ([MOST](#)): NPs are authorized to sign the MOST form.
16 Del.C. § 2503A

*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 institution.

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