



# State Policy Fact Sheet: Florida

## Nurse Practice Act: F.S.A. § 464.001

### Regulatory Structure: Restricted Practice

Florida law restricts nurse practitioner (NP) license and practice based on type of NP practice.

Florida state law requires select Florida NPs to maintain a career-long protocol agreement with a physician as a condition of licensure and practice. Exemptions may apply, see the Board of Nursing for more information.

F.S.A § 464.012

### Regulatory Agency

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

F.S.A. § 464.003 & F.S.A. § 464.0123

### Licensure Requirements

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

F.S.A. § 464.012

### Continuing Education (CE)\*

NPs may submit 30 contact hours per two-year licensure cycle or meet CE requirements as needed for national certification.

NPs who meet select criteria must complete additional hours. See BON for more details.

F.A.C 64B9-5.002 & F.S.A. § 464.013 & F.S.A. § 464.0123

### Malpractice Insurance

Florida NPs may either hold malpractice insurance for \$100,000 per claim and \$300,000 in aggregate or submit a letter of irrevocable credit in the same amount.

F.S.A. § 464.0123 & F.A.C 64B9-4.002

### Medical Staff Membership\*\*

Medical staff composition is determined by a facility's governing board.

F.S.A. § 395.002

### Supervisory Agreement Ratio\*\*\*

One physician may supervise between one and five total practice sites. The ratio is determined by practice setting.

F.S.A § 458.348

### Primary Care Providers

NPs are defined as primary care providers.

F.S.A. § 464.0123

### Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Signature Recognition: Florida recognizes NP signatures on select items of patient care.  
F.S.A. § 464.0123
- Physical Therapy: NPs are authorized to refer to physical therapy.  
F.S.A. § 486.021
- Parking Permits: NPs are authorized to provide proof of disability for parking permits.  
F.S.A. § 320.0848
- DNR: NPs are not presently authorized to sign Do Not Resuscitate orders.  
F.S.A. § 401.4
- Death Certificates: Florida NPs are authorized to sign death certificates. See statute for eligibility.  
F.S.A. § 382.008

\*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.

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

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