



# State Policy Fact Sheet: Illinois

## Nurse Practice Act: 225 ILCS 65/50-1

### Regulatory Structure: **Reduced Practice**

Illinois constrains nurse practitioner (NP) licensure and practice based on setting of NP practice.

NPs practicing in select settings are required by law to maintain a regulated collaborative agreement with a physician or complete practice, continuing education and maintain a consultative relationship with a physician to prescribe select Schedule II medications and benzodiazepines within state law quantity limitations.

See the Board of Nursing for more information.

225 ILCS 65/65-43

### Regulatory Agency

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

225 ILCS. Ann. 65/50-1

### Licensure Requirements

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

225 ILCS 65/65-5

### Continuing Education (CE)\*

Eighty CE contact hours are required every two years.

225 ILCS 65/65-60

### Medical Staff Membership\*\*

Medical staff is organized in accordance with a facility's bylaws.

77 Ill. Adm. Code 250.100

### Primary Care Providers

Advanced practice registered nurses are defined as primary care providers.

110 ILCS 935/3.09

### Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Physical Therapy: NPs are authorized to refer to physical therapy.  
225 ILCS 90/1(6).
- Parking Permits: NPs are authorized to provide proof of disability for disabled parking plates, decals and devices.  
625 ILCS 5/3-616
- DNR: NPs are authorized to sign Do Not Resuscitate orders.  
210 ILCS 85/6.19
- Death Certificates: NPs are presently authorized to sign death certificates.  
410 ILCS 535/18
- Illinois Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (**POLST**): NPs are authorized to sign Illinois' POLST form.  
755 ILCS 40/65

\*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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