



State Policy Fact Sheet: Louisiana

Nurse Practice Act: LSA-R.S. 37:911

Regulatory Structure: Reduced Practice

Louisiana constrains nurse practitioner (NP) licensure and practice.

Louisiana NPs are required by law to maintain a regulated collaborative agreement with a physician for at least one element of NP practice.

LSA-R.S. 37:913

Regulatory Agency

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

LSA-R.S. 37:911

Licensure Requirements

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

46 LA ADC Pt XLVII, § 4507

Schedule II Controlled Substance Prescriptive Authority

NPs are not presently authorized to prescribe Schedule II controlled substances for the treatment of chronic or intractable pain or obesity.

46 LA ADC Pt XLVII, § 4513

Continuing Education (CE)*

NPs with prescriptive authority are required to obtain three CE hours annually in pharmacotherapeutics.

46 LA ADC Pt XLVII, § 4516

Medical Staff Membership**

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

LSA-R.S. 40:2114

Primary Care Providers

NPs are defined as primary care providers.

LSA-R.S. 37:913

Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Physical Therapy: NPs are authorized to refer to physical therapy.
LSA-R.S. 37:913
- Parking Permits: NPs are authorized to provide proof of disability for disabled parking permits.
LSA-R.S. 47:463.4
- DNR: NPs are not presently authorized to sign Do Not Resuscitate orders.
48 LA ADC Pt I, § 8201
- Death Certificates: Louisiana NPs are not authorized to sign death certificates.
La. R.S. 40:34(A)(19) & La. R.S. 40:35(C).
- Louisiana Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST)/Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (POST):
NPs are not presently authorized to sign the POST form.
LSA-R.S. 40:1155.3

*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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