



State Policy Fact Sheet: Minnesota

Nurse Practice Act: M.S.A. § 148.171

Regulatory Structure: Full Practice

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

M.S.A. § 148.171

Minnesota requires NPs for at least 2,080 hours in a collaborative agreement with a physician or advanced practice registered nurse.

Minn. Stat. Ann. § 148.211

See the Board of Nursing for more information.

Minn. R. 6310.2600

Regulatory Agency

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

M.S.A. § 148.171

Licensure Requirements

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

M.S.A. § 148.211

Continuing Education (CE)*

In addition to CE hours required for national certification, NPs must meet RN requirements for 24 CE hours every two years.

MN ADC 6310.2800

Medical Staff Membership**

Medical staff is composed pursuant to the facility's bylaws and policies.

MN ADC 4640.0800

Primary Care Providers

NPs are defined as primary care providers.

M.S.A. § 148.171

Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Signature Recognition: Minnesota recognizes NP signatures on items of patient care.
CH. 59-S.F. 1844
- Physical Therapy: NPs are authorized to refer to physical therapy.
M.S.A. § 148.76
- Parking Permits: NPs are authorized to provide proof of disability for disabled parking permits.
M.S.A. § 169.345
- DNR: NPs are not presently authorized to sign Do Not Resuscitate orders.
Minnesota Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board
- Death Certificates: Minnesota NPs are presently authorized to sign death certificates.
MN ADC 4601.1800
- Minnesota Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment ([POLST](#)): NPs are authorized to sign the POLST form.
M.S.A. § 145C.02

*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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