



# State Policy Fact Sheet: Ohio

## Nurse Practice Act: R.C. § 4723

### Regulatory Structure: Reduced Practice

Ohio constrains nurse practitioner (NP) licensure and practice.

Ohio NPs must have a career-long standard care arrangement with a collaborating physician or podiatrist. See the Board of Nursing for more information.

R.C. § 4723.43

Ohio NPs must also abide by patient and settings limitations on Schedule II medications in state law. See Board of Nursing for more information.

R.C. § 4723.481

### Regulatory Agency

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

R.C. § 4723.06

### Licensure Requirements

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

R.C. § 4723.41

### Schedule II Controlled Substance Prescriptive Authority

NPs are not authorized to prescribe Schedule II controlled substances in convenience care clinics.

R.C. § 4723.481

### Continuing Education (CE)\*

Twenty-four CE hours are required every two years. See the BON for details.

R.C. § 4723.24

### Medical Staff Membership\*\*

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

R.C. § 3701.351

### Primary Care Providers

NPs are defined in law as primary care providers.

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

One physician or podiatrist may enter into supervisory care agreements with no more than five nurses for prescribing practice.

R.C. § 4723.431

### Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Physical Therapy: NPs are authorized to refer to physical therapy.  
R.C. § 4755.48
- Parking Permits: NPs are authorized to provide proof of disability for disabled parking permits.  
R.C. § 4503.44
- DNR: NPs are authorized to sign Do Not Resuscitate orders.  
R.C. § 2133.211
- Death Certificates: NPs are not presently authorized to sign death certificates.  
R.C. § 3705.16

\*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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