



# State Policy Fact Sheet: Oregon

## Nurse Practice Act: O.R.S. § 678

### Regulatory Structure: Full Practice

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

O.R.S. § 678.375

### Regulatory Agency

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

O.R.S. § 678.150

### Licensure Requirements

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

OR ADC 851-053-0005

### Continuing Education (CE)\*

NPs must complete CE hours in accordance with national certification (congruent). For those NPs initially licensed prior to Jan. 1, 2011, national certification is not required for renewal, instead the BON requires a minimum of 45 CE hours within the population foci. See the BON for details.

OR ADC 851-053-0015

### Medical Staff Membership\*\*

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

O.R.S. § 441.064

### Primary Care Providers

NPs are defined in law as primary care providers.

O.R.S. § 743A.036

### Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Signature Recognition: Oregon recognizes NP signatures on select items of patient care. Oregon Laws 2014, Chapter 45
- Physical Therapy: NPs are authorized to refer to physical therapy. OR ADC 848-040-0117
- Parking Permits: NPs are authorized to provide proof of disability for disabled parking permits. OR ADC § 811.604
- DNR: NPs are authorized to sign Do Not Resuscitate orders. O.R.S. § 127.635
- Death Certificates: NPs are authorized to sign death certificates. O.R.S. § 678.375
- Oregon Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment ([POLST](#)): The POLST form may be signed by NPs. O.R.S. § 127.663

\*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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