



State Policy Fact Sheet: Texas

Nurse Practice Act: V.T.C.A., Occupations Code Chapter 301

Regulatory Structure: Restricted Practice

Texas restricts nurse practitioner (NP) licensure and practice by requiring physician delegation and supervision. Texas NPs must also abide by state law settings limitations on Schedule II medications.

Tex. Occ. Code Ann. § 301.152

Texas law requires nurse practitioners to maintain career-long written protocols with a physician. See Board of Nursing for more information.

Regulatory Agency

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

V.T.C.A., Occupations Code § 301.152

Licensure Requirements

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

22 TAC § 221.4

Schedule II Controlled Substance Prescriptive Authority

NP Schedule II prescriptive authority is authorized in select settings and practice types.

V.T.C.A., Occupations Code § 157.0511

Continuing Education (CE)*

CE requirements can be met by complying with national certification or by meeting specific BON requirements.

22 TAC § 221.8

Medical Staff Membership**

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

V.T.C.A., Health & Safety Code § 241.101

Primary Care Providers

NPs are defined in law as primary care providers in select instances.

V.T.C.A., Health & Safety Code § 62.1551

Supervisory Agreement Ratio***

One physician may enter into supervisory agreements with no more than seven NPs or other advanced practice registered nurses or PAs.

V.T.C.A., Occupations Code § 157.0512

Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Physical Therapy: NPs are authorized to refer to physical therapy.
22 TAC § 322.1
- Parking Permits: NPs are authorized to provide proof of disability for disabled parking permits.
V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 681.003
- DNR: NPs are not currently authorized to sign Do Not Resuscitate orders.
V.T.C.A., Health & Safety Code § 166.081
- Death Certificates: NPs are authorized to sign death certificates.
V.T.C.A., Health & Safety Code § 193.005
- Texas Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST): The POLST program in Texas is developing.

*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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