



# State Policy Fact Sheet: Vermont

## Nurse Practice Act: 26 V.S.A. § 1571

### Regulatory Structure: Full Practice

Vermont law authorizes nurse practitioners (NPs) to evaluate patients, diagnose and prescribe medications and therapeutic measures.

Vermont requires NPs with less than 24 months and 2,400 hours of active practice to have a collaborating agreement with a Vermont licensed physician or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN).

See the Board of Nursing for more information.  
26 V.S.A. § 1613 & Vt. Admin. Code 20-4-1100:9

### Regulatory Agency

NP licensure is regulated exclusively by the [Board of Nursing \(BON\)](#).  
26 V.S.A. § 1574

### Licensure Requirements

Requirements include a registered nurse license, a graduate degree in an NP role and national certification.  
26 V.S.A. § 1611

### Continuing Education (CE)\*

CE requirements are determined by the BON. See the BON for details.  
Vermont Board of Nursing

### Medical Staff Membership\*\*

Medical staff is composed in accordance with hospital bylaws.  
18 V.S.A. § 1905

### Primary Care Providers

NPs are defined as Primary Care Providers.  
Vt. Admin. Code 20-4-1100:9

### Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Signature Recognition: Vermont grants NPs signature recognition.  
26 V.S.A. § 1616
- Physical Therapy: NPs are authorized to refer to physical therapy.  
Vt. Admin. Code 20-4-1100:9
- Parking Permits: NPs are authorized to provide proof of disability for disabled parking permits.  
23 V.S.A. § 304a
- DNR: NPs are authorized to sign Do Not Resuscitate orders.  
18 V.S.A. § 9708
- Death Certificates: NPs are authorized to sign death certificates.  
18 V.S.A. § 5202
- Vermont Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST)/Clinician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (COLST): Vermont's COLST form may be signed by an NP.  
18 V.S.A. § 9708

\*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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