



State Policy Fact Sheet: Virginia

Nurse Practice Act: VA Code Ann. § 54.1-Chapter 30

Regulatory Structure: Restricted Practice

Virginia restricts nurse practitioner (NP) license and practice.

Virginia state law requires NPs to maintain a practice agreement as evidence of collaboration and consultation with a patient care team physician, unless the NP attests to having completed the equivalent of three years of full-time clinical experience.

See the Board of Nursing and the Board of Medicine for more information.
VA Code Ann. § 54.1-2957

Regulatory Agencies

NP licensure is regulated by the [Board of Nursing \(BON\)](#) and [Board of Medicine](#).
VA Code Ann. § 54.1-2957

Licensure Requirements

Requirements include a registered nurse license, a graduate degree in an NP role and national certification.
18 VAC 90-30-80

Continuing Education (CE)*

CE hours are to be completed in accordance with national certification requirements, and for NPs with prescriptive authority, an additional eight CE hours are required every two years. See the BON for details.
18 VAC 90-30-105 & 18 VAC 90-40-55

Medical Staff Membership**

Medical staffs are composed pursuant to the facility's governing body and bylaws.
12 VAC 5-410-180

Supervisory Agreement Ratio***

One physician may enter into supervisory agreements with no more than six NPs.
VA Code Ann. § 54.1-2957.01

Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Signature Recognition: Virginia grants NPs signature recognition.
VA Code Ann. § 54.1-2957.02
- Physical Therapy: NPs are authorized to refer to physical therapy.
VA Code Ann. § 54.1-3482
- Parking Permits: NPs are authorized to provide proof of disability for disabled parking permits.
VA Code Ann. § 46.2-1241
- DNR: NPs are authorized to sign Do Not Resuscitate orders.
VA Code Ann. § 54.1-2957.02
- Death Certificates: NPs are authorized to sign death certificates.
VA Code Ann. § 32.1-263
- Virginia Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST)/Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (POST):
NPs may sign Virginia's POST form.
VirginiaPOLST.org

*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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