



# State Policy Fact Sheet: Wisconsin

## Nurse Practice Act: W.S.A. 441.001

### Regulatory Structure: Reduced Practice

Wisconsin constrains nurse practitioner (NP) licensure and practice.

Wisconsin NPs must have a collaborative relationship with a physician as a condition of practice. See the Board of Nursing for more information.

Wis. Adm. Code § N 8.10

Wisconsin NPs are prohibited from prescribing, dispensing or administering certain Schedule II controlled substances. Exemptions may apply. The effective date of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Modernization Act is Sept. 1, 2026. See the Board of Nursing for more information.

Wis. Adm. Code § N 8.06

### Regulatory Agency

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

Wis. Adm. Code § N 8.01

### Licensure Requirements

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

WI ADC § N 8.03

### Continuing Education (CE)\*

Sixteen CE hours are required every two years. See the BON for details.

WI ADC § N 8.05

### Malpractice Insurance

NPs are required to have professional malpractice liability insurance as determined by the BON.

WI ADC § N 8.08

### Medical Staff Membership\*\*

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

Wis. Adm. Code § DHS 124.02

### Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- Physical Therapy: NPs are authorized to refer to physical therapy.  
W.S.A. 448.56
- Parking Permits: NPs are authorized to provide proof of disability for disabled parking permits.  
W.S.A. 341.14
- DNR: NPs are authorized to sign Do Not Resuscitate orders.  
W.S.A. 154.19
- Death Certificates: NPs are not currently authorized to sign death certificates.  
W.S.A. 69.18
- Wisconsin Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment ([POLST](#))/Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (POST):  
NPs may sign Wisconsin's POST form.  
W.S.A. 154.03

\*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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