

AANP State Fact Sheet

OREGON



Nurse Practice Act

[O.R.S. § 678](#)

Regulatory Structure: Full Practice

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

OR ADC 851-050-0005

Regulatory Agency

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

O.R.S. § 678.150

Licensure Requirements

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

OR ADC 851-050-0002

Continuing Education (CE)*

Forty-five CE hours are required every two years. See the BON for details.

OR ADC 851-050-0138

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
- **Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST):** Oregon's [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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