

AANP State Fact Sheet

SOUTH CAROLINA



Nurse Practice Act

[Code 1976 § 40-33-5](#)

Regulatory Structure: Restricted Practice

State law restricts patient access to nurse practitioner (NP) care. State licensure law requires physician delegation and supervision for at least one element of NP practice.

Code 1976 § 40-33-34

Regulatory Agency

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

Code 1976 § 40-33-10

Licensure Requirements

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

Code 1976 § 40-33-34

Continuing Education (CE)*

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

Code 1976 § 40-33-34

Supervisory Agreement Ratio ‡

The South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners must review cases when a physician supervises more than three NPs.

SC ADC 81-110

Signature Recognition on Items of Patient Care

- **Signature Recognition:** South Carolina recognizes NP signatures on select items of patient care.
- **Physical Therapy:** NPs are authorized to refer to physical therapy.
- **Parking Permits:** NPs are authorized to provide proof of disability for disabled parking permits.
- **DNR:** NPs are not presently authorized to sign Do Not Resuscitate orders.
- **Death Certificates:** NPs are authorized to sign death certificates.
- **Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST):** South Carolina's Provider POLST program is developing.

Code 1976 § 40-33-34

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‡ Exemptions may be available. Please consult full law for guidance.

*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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