

North Carolina

Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN)

| Regulation Details | APRN Role | | | |
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| | Nurse Practitioner (NP) Population Foci: | Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM) | Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) | Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family • Adult-gerontology • Pediatrics • Neonatal • Women’s health • Psychiatric mental health • Emergency | | | |
| APRNs as of 11-5-2019 | 9,085 | 356 | 3,528 | 257 |
| Regulated By | NCBON and NCMB Joint Sub Committee (JSC) Comprised of: 3 members NCBON 3 members NCMB | Midwifery Joint Committee (MJC) Comprised of: Joint Sub Committee plus two certified midwives and two physicians-practicing obstetrics | NCBON | NCBON |
| Regulatory Rules | 21 NCAC 36 .0801-0816 21 NCAC 32M .0101-.0118 | 21 NCAC 33 .0101-.0111 § 90-178.1-§ 90-178.7 | 21 NCAC 36 .0226 | 21 NCAC 36 .0228 |
| Method of Authorization | Registration and Approval to Practice | Registration and Approval to Practice | Recognition | Recognition |
| Graduate Education | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| National Certification* | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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| Physician Supervision Required | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Written Collaboration Practice Agreement Meetings with supervising physician once a month for first 6 months, then every 6 months thereafter | Yes | Yes | No, but must be in collaboration with a physician, dentist, podiatrist, or authorized healthcare provider | No |
| Prescriptive Authority and Durable Medical Equipment | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Legal Process and Discipline | NCBON prepares for Joint Sub Committee (JSC) | NCBON prepares for Midwifery Joint Committee (MJC) | NCBON | NCBON |

* (Certifications are based on a current practice analysis which serves as an objective measure of the knowledge and skills required of competent and safe practitioners. The examinations are created by expert panels and validated. The rigor of examinations development process promotes quality, competency-based certifications).

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