

CNS State Practice Authority by State

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State	States with Full Scope of Practice	States Recognize CNS Role as APRN, but requires collaboration	States with No Advanced Practice Authority	States with Residency Requirement
Alaska	X			
Alabama			X	
Arizona	X			
Arkansas	X			
California			X**	
Colorado	X			
Connecticut	X			X
Delaware	X			X
District of Columbia	X			
Florida			X**	
Georgia		X		
Hawaii	X			
Idaho	X			
Illinois*		X*		
Indiana		X		
Iowa	X			
Kansas		X		
Kentucky	X			
Louisiana		X		
Maine	X			
Maryland	X			
Massachusetts		X		
Michigan			X	
Minnesota	X			X
Mississippi			X	
Missouri		X		
Montana	X			
Nebraska	X			
Nevada	X			X
New Hampshire			X**	
New Jersey		X		
New Mexico	X			
New York			X	
North Carolina	X			
North Dakota	X			
Ohio		X		
Oklahoma	X			
Oregon	X			
Pennsylvania			X**	
Rhode Island	X			
South Carolina		X		
South Dakota		X		
Tennessee		X		
Texas		X		
Utah	X			
Vermont	X			X

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Virginia			X**	
Washington			X**	
West Virginia	X			
Wisconsin	X			
Wyoming	X			
Total	28	13	10	5

Green - Change since 2010

* IL CNS is autonomous in hospital, hospital affiliate, or ambulatory surgical center

**CNS role recognized, but not as APRN

- OH (A) If the applicant for authorization to practice nursing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner has met all the requirements of section 4723.41 of the Revised Code and has paid the fee required by section 4723.08 of the Revised Code, the board of nursing shall issue its certificate of authority to practice nursing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner, which shall designate the nursing specialty the nurse is authorized to practice. The certificate entitles its holder to practice nursing in the specialty designated on the certificate.
- WA is in the process of recognizing the CNS role through rules
- VA "Clinical nurse specialist" means a person who is registered by the Board in addition to holding a license under the provisions of this chapter to practice professional nursing as defined in this section. Such a person shall be recognized as being able to provide advanced services according to the specialized training received from a program approved by the Board, but shall not be entitled to perform any act that is not within the scope of practice of professional nursing.

Independent - no requirement for a written collaborative agreement, no supervision, no conditions for practice

Not Independent - a written agreement exists that specifies scope of practice and medical acts allowed with or without a general supervision requirement by a MD, DO, DDS or podiatrist; or direct supervision required in the presence of a licensed, MD, DO, DDS or podiatrist with or without a written practice agreement.

Source:

National Council of State Boards of Nursing, APRN Maps, <https://www.ncsbn.org/2567.htm> 8.15. 15