



Position Statement: Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) are authorized by the Board of Nursing to practice under one of the following five roles: Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM), Clinical Nurse Specialist in Psychiatric/Mental Health (CNS/PMH), Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS), Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA), and Nurse Practitioners (NP). [Board Rule 410-11](#) details the regulation of advanced nursing practice.

APRNs may work under GA Code 43-34-23, without prescriptive authority, or under GA Code 43-34-25, with prescriptive authority through a nurse protocol agreement. The Composite Medical Board is the authority that approves and maintains [nurse protocol agreements](#) between APRNs and delegating physicians to assure the agreement meets the standards of medical practice established by the Composite Medical Board.

It is the position of the Board of Nursing that APRNs may work in a variety of settings. The services or care provided by APRNs is not defined or limited by setting but rather by patient care needs. As such, advanced practice nurses should work within the scope of their education, certification, training, and experience. This may take place in a variety of ways including both formal education and experience through opportunities of the employing entity. The individual advanced practice registered nurse in conjunction with their employer and delegating physician should ensure that he or she has the appropriate education, certification, training, and experience to treat a patient based on the patient's care needs regardless of the practice setting or acuity level. For APRNs who have questions related to their practice and alignment with their education, training, and national certification, [please view this article >>](#)

*Nothing in this position statement should be construed to contradict any rules or statutes defining and regulating advanced practice nursing.

References:

[Chapter 410-11 REGULATION OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES](#)

[Chapter 360-32 NURSE PROTOCOL AGREEMENTS](#)

[CONSENSUS MODEL FOR APRN REGULATION](#)

[38 Reference - Nurse Practice Act.pdf \(ga.gov\)](#)

[O.C.G.A. 43-34-23 \(lexis.com\)](#)

[O.C.G.A. 43-34-25 \(lexis.com\)](#)