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State	BON Website	Certification Requirements
Alabama	https://www.abn.alabama.gov/	RN in Alabama Master's degree or higher in nursing Certification through a national certifying agency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANP • ANCC • NCC • PNCB
Alaska	https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/professionallicensing/boardofnursing.aspx	RN in Alaska Master's degree or higher in nursing A minimum of 500 separate, non-duplicated hours of supervised clinical practice; Certification through a national certifying agency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANP • ANCC • NCC • PNCB
Arizona	https://www.azbn.gov/	RN in Arizona or multistate license Master's degree or higher in nursing The Arizona Board of Nursing (AZ BON) has approved Regis College's online Nursing programs. Regis College submitted a full self-study to the AZ BON and Regis' online Nurse Practitioner faculty teaching Arizona students have secured Advanced Practice Registered Nursing (APRN) certification in Arizona. Consequently, Regis College is in full compliance with the AZ BON regulations related to its APRN program.

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		<p>Based upon prior non-compliance issues that Regis has corrected, the AZ BON has censured the Regis APRN program from March 2019 to March 2024. This censure does not affect Regis' ability to offer the APRN program in Arizona or affect students' ability to sit for the licensure examination.</p> <p>Certification through a national certifying agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANP • ANCC • NCC • PNCB
Arkansas	http://www.arsbn.org/	<p>RN license in Arkansas or compact state Master's degree or higher in nursing A minimum of 500 supervised clinical hours in direct clinical practice during the program. Criminal background check Certification through a national certifying agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANP • ANCC • NCC • PNCB
California	http://www.rn.ca.gov/	<p>Unencumbered current CA RN license Master's degree in specialty area Successful completion of certification exam in specialty area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANP • ANCC • PNCB • NCC

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Colorado	https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/Nursing	<p>Unencumbered current CO RN license Master's degree in specialty area Successful completion of certification exam in specialty area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANP • ANCC • PNCB • NCC
Connecticut	http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3143&q=388910	<p>Unencumbered current CT RN license Master's degree in specialty area Successful completion of certification exam in specialty area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANP • ANCC • PNCB • NCC
Delaware	http://www.dpr.delaware.gov/boards/nursing/index.shtml	<p>Hold an active RN license either in Delaware or a compact state Master's degree in nursing - graduate from specialty program within last 2 years</p> <p>To practice as an APRN in Delaware you must have a collaborative agreement only if you have practiced as an APRN less than 2 years or fewer than 4,000 hours. If you are required to have a collaborative agreement, you are not allowed to start practicing as an APRN in Delaware until your APRN license has been issued – form below</p> <p>http://www.dpr.delaware.gov/boards/nursing/documents/Collaborative_Agreement_Info.pdf</p> <p>Certification through a national certifying agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANP • ANCC • NCC • PNCB

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District of Columbia	https://doh.dc.gov/service/health-professionals	<p>RN license in DC Master's degree or higher in nursing Passport photos Criminal background check Certification through a national certifying agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANP • ANCC • NCC • PNCB
Florida	http://floridasnursing.gov/	<p>Unencumbered current FL RN License Master's degree in specialty area Successful completion of certification exam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANCC, • NCC, • NBPNP <p>Proof of Malpractice insurance Electronic Fingerprinting</p>
Georgia	http://www.board-of-nursing.com/georgiaboard-of-nursing.php	<p>Must hold a Georgia state RN license Master's degree with transcript showing advanced pharmacology, physical assessment and pathophysiology Must submit a paper application Submit proof of US citizenship status (driver's license or passport) Certification through a national certifying agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANCC • AANP • NCC • AANP • PNCB

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Hawaii	http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/	RN license in Hawaii Master's degree or higher in nursing Certification through a national certifying agency <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AANP• ANCC• NCC• PNCB
Idaho	https://ibn.idaho.gov/IBNPortal/	RN license in Idaho Master's degree or higher in nursing Certification through a national certifying agency <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AANP• ANCC• NCC• PNCB
Illinois	http://nursing.illinois.gov/	An applicant for licensure as an advanced practice nurse shall file an application on forms provided by the Division. The application shall include: Current Illinois registered professional nurse license number. Master's degree Proof of current national certification from one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AANP• ANCC (CNS)• PNCB• NCC

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Indiana	https://secure.in.gov/pla/nursing.htm	Current Indiana RN license or compact state license Successful completion of graduate program – submit transcripts Certification through a national certifying agency <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ANCC• AANP• NCC• PNCB
Iowa	https://nursing.iowa.gov	RN license in Iowa Master's degree or higher in nursing Certification through a national certifying agency <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AANP• ANCC• NCC• PNCB
Kansas	http://www.ksbn.org/	Hold a current RN license in Kansas Master's degree Confirmed that 500 hours are needed for each clinical track – per KS BON 11/22/16 Certification through a national certifying agency <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AANP• ANCC• PNCB• NCC

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Kentucky	http://kbn.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx	<p>Current RN license in Kentucky or compact state Master's degree Fingerprint card and national background check Certification through a national certifying agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANCC • AANP • NCC • PNCB
Louisiana	http://www.lsbn.state.la.us/	<p>Current and valid, unrestricted Louisiana RN license Master's degree – official transcripts required Hold a current national certification in the specific APRN role</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANCC • AANP • NCC • PNCB <p>Criminal background check</p>
Maine	http://maine.gov/boardofnursing/	<p>Unencumbered current Maine RN license or compact license Master's degree in area of specialization Successfully complete certification within 5 years of graduation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANCC • PNCB • NCC • AANP <p>45 hours of Pharmacology</p>

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Maryland	http://mbon.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx	<p>RN license in Maryland or compact state Master's degree – sealed official transcripts required Copy of current national certification OR letter of eligibility to take the certification exam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANCC • AANP • NCC • PNCB <p>Effective October 1, 2015: If you have never been certified in Maryland or any other state you are required to have a Mentor for 18 months from the date of application. Your Mentor must be a Maryland licensed Nurse Practitioner or Physician with a license in good standing.</p>
Massachusetts	http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/hcq/dhpl/nursing/	<p>Unencumbered current MA RN License Master's degree in specialty area Good Moral Character form Completion of Advanced health assessment, advanced pathophysiology and advanced pharmacology Successful completion of certification exam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANC • AANP • NCC • PNCB
Michigan	http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-72600_72603_27529_27542-59003--,00.html	<p>Good moral character Holds a current Michigan RN license Successful completion of certification exam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANC • AANP • NCC • PNCB

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Mississippi	http://www.msbn.ms.gov/Pages/Home.aspx	<p>Current RN in Mississippi Graduated from a nationally approved school of nursing with a Master's degree or higher; Taken and passed a national certification exam in the specialty area of practice;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ANCC• AANP• NCC• PNCB <p>Completed a 720 hours residency that was monitored by either a licensed physician or certified APRN and evidence of this must be submitted to the Board of Nursing and accepted in order to begin unmonitored practice and be eligible to apply for controlled substance privilege;</p>
Missouri	http://pr.mo.gov/nursing.asp	<p>Current RN license in Missouri or compact state Master's degree National certification in area of specialty from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ANCC• AANP• NCC• PNCB <p>Notarized application</p>

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<p>Montana</p>	<p>http://b.bsd.dli.mt.gov/license/bsd_boards/nur_board/board_page.asp</p>	<p>Current Montana RN license, or a compact state Official transcript, with degree awarded and date degree was conferred, is sent from the advanced nursing educational program directly to the Montana Board of Nursing Evidence of preceptorship is sent from the educational institution directly to the Montana Board of Nursing National certification in the APRN role and population focus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANP • ANCC • NCC • PNCB <p>Fingerprint and background check</p>
<p>Minnesota</p>	<p>https://mn.gov/boards/nursing/</p>	<p>Have a current Minnesota Registered Nurse (RN) license or eligibility for licensure Master's degree Current certification by a national certifying body</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANP • ANCC • NCC • PNCB
<p>Nebraska</p>	<p>http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/crl_crlin dex.aspx</p>	<p>Current RN in Nebraska or compact state Master's degree National certification in area of specialty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANCC • AANP • NCC • PNCB

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Nevada	http://nevadanursingboard.org/	<p>Active RN license in NV Master's degree Certification through a national certifying agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANCC • PNCB • NCC • AANP
New Hampshire	http://www.nh.gov/nursing/	<p>Hold a current and unencumbered RN license issued by the NH board or a multi-state license issued by another compact state Master's degree in area of specialization Certification through a national certifying agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANP • ANCC • PNCB • NCC
New Jersey	http://www.njpublicsafety.com/ca/nursing/nurapplications.htm	<p>Hold a current and unencumbered RN license issued; Master's degree in area of specialization Certification through a national certifying agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANP • ANCC • PNCB • NCC
New Mexico	http://nmbon.sks.com/	<p>Hold a current and unencumbered RN license in NM or hold a compact-multi-state RN license; Master's degree Certification through a national certifying agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANP • ANCC • PNCB • NCC
New York	http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/nurse/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be currently registered and licensed RN in New York State

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North Carolina	http://www.ncbon.com	Master's degree or higher Certification through a national certifying agency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANCC • AANP • NCC • PCNB
North Dakota	https://www.ndbon.org	Active RN license in ND or compact state Master's degree Certification through a national certifying agency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANCC • AANP • NCC • PNCB Criminal background check
Ohio	http://www.nursing.ohio.gov/forms.htm#RX	RN license in Ohio Master's degree – transcripts required Certification through a national certifying agency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANCC • AANP • NCC • PNCB

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Oklahoma	http://nursing.ok.gov	<p>RN license in Oklahoma Master's degree Certification through a national certifying agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANP • ANCC • NCC • PBCN <p>Submit a written statement from an Oklahoma licensed physician supervising prescriptive authority as required by the Board in its rules;</p>
Oregon	http://www.oregon.gov/OSBN/pages/index.aspx	<p>Hold a current unencumbered registered RN license in Oregon; Master's Degree in Nursing or a Doctorate in Nursing – official transcripts needed Certification through a national certifying agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANP • ANCC • NCC • PCBN
Pennsylvania	http://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing/Pages/default.aspx	<p>Active RN license in Pennsylvania Master's degree – transcripts required Certification through a national certifying agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANCC • AANP • NCC • PNCB
Rhode Island	http://www.health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=231/index.php	<p>Hold a current and unencumbered RN license issued by the RI board or a multi-state license issued by another compact state; Master's degree in area of specialization Certification through a national certifying agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANP • ANCC • PNCB

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South Carolina	http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/	RN license in SC Master's degree Holds current specialty certification by a board-approved credentialing organization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANP • ANCC • NCC • PNCB
South Dakota	https://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/	RN license in SD or compact state Master's Degree – with transcripts Certified background check with fingerprints Certification through a national certifying agency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANCC • AANP • NCC • PCBN
Tennessee	https://www.tn.gov/health/article/nursing-statutes	RN license in Tenn or compact state Master's degree Certification through a national certifying agency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANCC • AANP • NCC • PNBC
Texas	http://www.bon.texas.gov	RN license in Texas or have a current valid RN license with multistate privilege Master's degree or higher Minimum of 500 separate, non-duplicated clinical hours for each advanced role and specialty within the advanced educational program. Certification through a national certifying agency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANCC • AANP

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Utah	https://dopl.utah.gov/licensing/nursing.html	<p>Hold a current and unencumbered RN license issued by the board or a multi-state license issued by another compact state; Master's degree in area of specialization Successfully complete certification through a national certifying agency If not successful within 5 years need to repeat a new program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANP • ANCC • PNCB • NCC <p>Psych – 1000 clinical hours required Need 3000 hours within 5 years of graduation</p>
Vermont	https://www.ncsbn.org/Vermont.htm	<p>Unencumbered current VT RN license Master's degree in area of specialization Certification through a national certifying agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANP • ANCC • PNCB • NCC
Virginia	https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/nursing/	<p>Hold a current, active license as a RN in Virginia or hold a current multistate licensure privilege as a registered nurse; Graduate degree in nursing or in the appropriate nurse practitioner specialty from an educational program designed to prepare nurse practitioners that is an approved program. Certification through a national certifying agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANCC • AANP • PNCB • NCC

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Washington	https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/NursingCommission/NurseLicensing	Unencumbered current Washington RN license Master's degree in specialty area Official transcripts from institution where graduate degree obtained Successful completion of certification exam in specialty area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AANP • ANCC • PNCB • NCC
West Virginia	http://www.wvrnboard.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx	Hold a current, active license as RN in West Virginia or hold a current multistate licensure privilege as a registered nurse; Graduate degree in nursing or in the appropriate nurse practitioner specialty from an educational program designed to prepare nurse practitioners that is an approved program Certification through a national certifying agency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANCC • AANP • PNCB • NCC
Wisconsin	http://dsps.wi.gov/Boards-Councils/Board-Pages/Board-of-Nursing-Main-Page/	RN license in Wisconsin or compact state Master's degree Certification through a national certifying agency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANCC • AANP • NCC • PCNB Passes a Jurisprudence Exam
Wyoming	https://nursing-online.state.wy.us	RN license in Wyoming or compact state Master's degree Certification through a national certifying agency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANCC

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