



Family Nurse Practitioner

State	Meets or Does Not Meet State Requirements	State Licensing Board Website	MSN Leadership/ Education Curriculum	MSN FNP Curriculum	Post-Master's Certificate FNP Curriculum	State Education Requirement	Education Notes	State Exams	Exam Notes	State Minimum Age	Minimum Age Notes	Good Moral Character	Good Moral Character Notes
Alabama	May Meet State requirements	https://www.abn.alabama.gov/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Masters or higher degree in nursing from an educational institution in a curriculum designed to prepare nurse practitioners.	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Yes	Applicants must be of good moral character.
Alaska	May Meet State requirements	https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofNursing.aspx	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Masters or higher degree in nursing from an educational institution in a curriculum designed to prepare nurse practitioners.	1	An applicant for a license to practice advanced practice registered nursing shall pass an advanced practice registered nursing certification examination as prescribed by the board.	N/A		Please See Notes	Criminal background questions asked to be disclosed by applicant
Arizona	May Meet State requirements	https://www.azbn.gov/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	The educational program was: Part of a graduate degree/post-masters program at an accredited institution	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	Applicants must hold a current Arizona registered nurse (RN) license in good standing or an RN license in good standing from a compact party state with multistate privileges
Arkansas	May Meet State requirements	https://healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arkansas-board-of-nursing/fees	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Masters or higher degree in nursing from an educational institution in a curriculum designed to prepare nurse practitioners.	1	Have your certification agency submit verification that you passed the certification exam	N/A		Please See Notes	State and federal background checks are required of applicant
California	May Meet State requirements	https://rn.ca.gov/applicants/index.shtml	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Successful completion of a nurse practitioner program of study which conforms with the Boards's educational standards set forth in the California Code of Regulations Section 1484.	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	Applicants are required under law to report all misdemeanor and felony convictions
Colorado	May Meet State requirements	https://dpo.colorado.gov/Nursing	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	A graduate degree or higher as an APN in the role for which you are applying -OR- • A graduate degree in Nursing and post-graduate degree or post-graduate certificate as an APN in the role for which you are applying.	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	During the licensing process – and depending on the specific application – the Division may ask whether the applicant has ever been disciplined in any state, arrested, charged, convicted, or pled guilty to a crime.

Connecticut	May Meet State requirements	https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Registered-Nurse/Registered-Nurse-Licensure	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Hold a masters's degree in nursing or in a related field recognized for certification as a nurse practitioner, a clinical nurse specialist or a nurse anesthetist by one of the above recognized certifying bodies.	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	The denial of any applicants eligibility for a permit or licensure by examination, endorsement, reciprocity or for the restatement of a voided license can be applied if the Department determines that such applicant has committed or has been found guilty of committing acts which are contrary to public health and safety.
Delaware	May Meet State requirements	https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/nursing/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Applicant must have Masters's degree, or Post-basic program certificate in a clinical nursing specialty with nursing certification from a national certification body recognized by the Board.	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	Both State of Delaware and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background checks are required.
District of Columbia	May Meet State requirements	https://dchealth.dc.gov/bon	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Masters or higher degree in nursing from an educational institution in a curriculum designed to prepare nurse practitioners.	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	Have you ever been convicted or arrested for a crime or misdemeanor (other than a minor traffic violation)?
Florida	May Meet State requirements	https://floridasnursing.gov/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Nurse practitioners who graduated on or after October 1, 1998 must have graduated from a master's degree or post master's certification program	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	Applicants for initial licensure must use a Live scan service provider to have their fingerprints submitted electronically to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) for conducting a search for any Florida and national criminal history records that may pertain to applicant.
Georgia	May Meet State requirements	https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/45	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Submit official transcripts from your nursing education program which document graduation from an accredited APRN program.	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	18	Must be at least 18 years of age.	Please See Notes	Criminal background questions asked to be disclosed by applicant
Hawaii	May Meet State requirements	https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/nursing/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Completed an accredited graduate-level education program leading to a certified registered nurse anesthetist, a nurse midwife, a clinical nurse specialist, or a nurse practitioner;	1	A current, unencumbered certification to verify passage of a national certification exam by a national certifying body recognized by the Board	18	Must be at least 18 years of age.	Please See Notes	Effective July 1, 2017, all new applicants for a Hawaii nurse license (LPN, RN, APRN or Prescriptive Authority) will be required to submit a full set of electronic fingerprints for the purpose of obtaining federal and state criminal history record checks

Idaho	May Meet State requirements	https://ibn.idaho.gov/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Evidence of completion of an Advanced Practice Professional Nursing education program is required.	1	Passed a qualifying examination recognized by the board and have current certification from a national organization recognized by the board	N/A		Please See Notes	Criminal Background checks – All applicants are required to submit to a fingerprint-based criminal background check by the Idaho Central Criminal Database and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history database.
Illinois	May Meet State requirements	https://www.idfpr.com/profs/nursing.asp	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Official transcripts with school seal affixed to substantiate proof of successful completion of a graduate degree appropriate for national certification in the clinical advanced practice nursing specialty category of certified nurse midwife or graduate degree or post-master's certificate from a graduate level program in the clinical advanced practice nursing specialty category of certified nurse midwife	1	Pass examination from one of the following American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program as a Nurse Practitioner; or American Nurses Credentialing Center as a Nurse Practitioner; or The Pediatric Nurse Certification Board as a Nurse Practitioner; or the National Certification Corporation for the Obstetric, Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing Specialties as a Nurse Practitioner; or The Certification Board for Urologic Nurses and Associates as a Urologic Nurse Practitioner.	N/A		Please See Notes	The applicant has submitted to the criminal history records check required under Section 50-35 of this Illinois Nurse Practice Act;
Indiana	May Meet State requirements	https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/indiana-state-board-of-nursing/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Submit proof of having successfully completed a graduate level pharmacology course consisting of at least two (2) semester hours of academic credit from a college or university accredited by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	Criminal Background Check – Applicants must submit once confirmation from IPLA that the application is entered.
Iowa	May Meet State requirements	https://nursing.iowa.gov/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Graduation from an accredited graduate or postgraduate nurse practitioner program in one of the following roles: Certified nurse-midwife, certified registered nurse anesthetist, certified nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist.	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	Applicants must include all misdemeanors and felonies, even if judgment of conviction or sentence was deferred or expunged so that you would not have a record of conviction.
Kansas	May Meet State requirements	https://ksbn.kansas.gov/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	All applicants must provide proof of completion/graduation from an approved nursing education program	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	A Criminal Background Check is required for all applicants
Kentucky	May Meet State requirements	https://kbn.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	To be eligible for APRN licensure, an applicant must have completed an organized post-basic program of study and clinical experience that conforms to the criteria listed in 201 KAR 20:056. The academic degree (MSN, Ph.D., DNP, etc.) may be used	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	Federal criminal background checks are required for licensure

Louisiana	May Meet State requirements	http://www.lsbns.state.la.us/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	A minimum of a graduate degree with a concentration in the respective APRN role and population focus from an accredited college or university that meets the curriculum guidelines established by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	Applicants must completed Criminal Background Check (CBC) packet
Maine	May Meet State requirements	https://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Has successfully completed a formal education program that is acceptable to the board in an advanced nursing specialty area.	1	Passed a qualifying examination recognized by the board and have current certification from a national organization recognized by the board	N/A		Please See Notes	If the applicants has declared Maine as your primary state of residence, a criminal background check (CBC) must be completed through the Maine Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the FBI based on a set of fingerprints provided to IdentoGO before your application will be processed.
Maryland	May Meet State requirements	https://mbon.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Shall be a graduate from a Board-approved nationally accredited education program for nurse practitioners in a school of nursing that provides advanced practice instruction at the Masters level or higher in a clinical nursing program and is accredited by a nursing accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or any other national accrediting body recognized by the Board;	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	Applicants must obtain fingerprints through the Criminal Information Justice System (CJIS)
Massachusetts	May Meet State requirements	https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-in-nursing	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	The official transcript must state that the education program prepared you for practice as an APRN in the specific clinical category you are applying for	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Yes	Applicant must be of good moral character, Good Moral Character, as defined by Massachusetts state law.
Michigan	May Meet State requirements	https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_72603_27529_27542---,00.html	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Masters or higher degree in nursing from an educational institution in a curriculum designed to prepare nurse practitioners.	1	American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) or American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Or National Certification Corporation (NCC) or Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB) or American Association of Critical Care Nurses Certification Corporation (AACN) Exam	N/A		N/A	
Minnesota	May Meet State requirements	https://mn.gov/boards/nursing/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Complete a graduate level APRN program accredited by a nursing or nursing-related accrediting body that is recognized by the United States Secretary of Education or Council for Higher Education Accreditation as acceptable to the Minnesota Board of Nursing or must demonstrate compliance with the APRN education requirements	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	Applicants must complete criminal background check.

Mississippi	May Meet State requirements	https://www.msbn.ms.gov/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	An accredited masters or higher degree program of nursing that prepares nurses for one of the APRN role designation of Certified Nurse-Midwife (CNM), Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS), or Certified Nurse Practitioner (CNP), or Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	Miss Code Ann. Section § 73-15-17 (Q); 73-15-19; and 73-15-21, authorizes the Mississippi Board of Nursing (MSBN) to undergo a fingerprint-based criminal background history check of the Mississippi central criminal data base and the Federal Bureau of Investigations criminal history for licensure
Missouri	May Meet State requirements	https://www.pr.mo.gov/nursing.asp	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Masters or higher degree in nursing from an educational institution in a curriculum designed to prepare nurse practitioners.	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		N/A	
Montana	May Meet State requirements	https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/nursing/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	It is the applicants responsibility to ensure that official transcript, showing degree awarded and date degree was conferred, is sent from the advanced nursing educational program directly to the Montana Board of Nursing	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	Applicants must go through criminal background checks and finger printing
Nebraska	May Meet State requirements	https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Nurse-Licensing.aspx	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	We require an official copy of your transcript documenting completion of a masters/doctorate degree in nursing or a post masters certificate in a nurse practitioner program.	1	Verification of having passed a national credentialing examination and verification of current national certification must be submitted from the national certifying organization.	19	Evidence of at least 19 years of age	Please See Notes	Fingerprints are required to be eligible for an APRN-Nurse Practitioner license in Nebraska
Nevada	May Meet State requirements	https://nevadanursingboard.org/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Submit an official transcript with degree posted sent directly from your advanced nursing education program. The program must be at least one academic year in length, and must include didactic instruction and clinical experience with a qualified physician (MD or DO) or APRN	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	The Board requires fingerprinting for all initial applications
New Hampshire	May Meet State requirements	https://www.oplc.nh.gov/new-hampshire-board-nursing	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Requested a final, official transcript of either: a graduate or post-masters graduate degree in an accredited nurse practitioner education program to be sent to the Board, OR attached a certificate before July 1, 2004 from an APRN education program accredited by a national accrediting body. Completed an approved advanced nursing educational program.	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	Criminal Record Report required
New Jersey	May Meet State requirements	https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/nur/pages/applications.aspx	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Has successfully completed an graduate educational program, including pharmacology, approved by the board	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	18	Applicant must be 18 years of age	Yes	Applicant must be of good moral character
New Mexico	May Meet State requirements	https://nmbon.sks.com/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Nurse Practitioners who are initially licensed by the board after January 1, 2001 must be educated in a nurse practitioner program that is at the masters's level or higher	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	Applicants must submit court documentation pertaining to the outcome the arrest with your application and the review can take up 2 weeks.

New York	May Meet State requirements	http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/nurse/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Have graduated from a nurse practitioner education program acceptable to NYSED or be certified as a nurse practitioner by a national certifying organization acceptable to NYSED	1	Examination administered by a national certifying organization	18	Applicant must be at least 18 years of age	Yes	Applicant must be of good moral character
North Carolina	May Meet State requirements	https://www.ncbon.com/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Education: Completion of a Master's in Nursing	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		N/A	
North Dakota	May Meet State requirements	https://www.ndbon.org/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Submit evidence of completion of an accredited graduate level advanced practice registered nurse program in one of the four roles and with at least one population focus (official transcripts from program);	1	American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program, or American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN), or American Nurses Credentialing Center or Pediatric Nurse Certification Board, or National Certification Corporation certification	N/A		Please See Notes	Applicants must complete a Criminal History Record Check if you have not completed a Criminal History Record Check for the ND Board of Nursing in the past 90 days.
Ohio	May Meet State requirements	https://nursing.ohio.gov/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Master's degree or doctoral degree with a major in nursing.	1	Meet National Board exam requirements	N/A		N/A	
Oklahoma	May Meet State requirements	https://nursing.ok.gov/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	To be eligible for initial licensure or licensure by endorsement, an applicant must have completed an accredited graduate level advanced practice registered nursing education program	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	Effective November 1, 2013, state law (59 O.S. § 567.5 B 2.) requires each applicant for licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse to have a fingerprint-based background check not more than ninety (90) days old prior to submission of the application for licensure.
Oregon	May Meet State requirements	https://www.oregon.gov/osbn/Pages/index.aspx	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Applicants for NP certification in Oregon must hold a minimum of a Master's Degree in Nursing from an accredited graduate-level program if completed after January 1 1986	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	The Oregon State Board of Nurse requires a national fingerprint-based criminal background check to apply for and obtain licensure/certification in Oregon.
Pennsylvania	Meets State requirements	https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing/Pages/default.aspx	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	An applicant for certification shall have completed an accredited, Board-approved masters's or postmaster a nurse practitioner program or other Board-approved program that awarded an advanced degree or a course of study considered by the Board to be equivalent to that required for certification in this Commonwealth at the time the course was completed.	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		N/A	
Rhode Island	May Meets State requirement	https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=231	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	To be eligible for licensure in the State of Rhode Island, you must be a graduate of a nursing program.	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Yes	Applicant must be of good moral character for licensure.

South Carolina	May Meets State requirement	https://lir.sc.gov/nurse/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Must have earned a master's degree from an accredited college or university	1	American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program, or American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN), or American Nurses Credentialing Center or Pediatric Nurse Certification Board, or National Certification Corporation certification	N/A		Yes	The person applying for licensure must be described and identified, of good moral character
South Dakota	May Meets State requirement	https://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	You complete applicant section of Education Verification Form 3; send a copy to each applicable college, university, or program from which you were awarded a graduate or post graduate certificate nursing degree	1	Primary source verification of successfully passing a nurse practitioner certification examination offered by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners	N/A		Please See Notes	Pursuant to SDCL 36-9A-9.1 each applicant for initial licensure is required to submit a full set of fingerprints with completed application to obtain a state and federal criminal background check.
Tennessee	May Meets State requirement	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/nursing-board/nursing-board/about.html	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Must indicate conferred advanced nursing degree mailed (no e-scripts) directly to the Board of Nursing (e.g. MSN, Post-Masters, Ph.D.)	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	If positive criminal history Certified copies of arresting document (warrant), judgment (disposition), completion of judgment (receipt of payment of fines, letter of completion of probation)
Texas	May Meets State requirement	https://www.bon.texas.gov/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Submit an official final transcript relating to your advanced practice nursing education (photocopies are not acceptable). The transcript must show the date that the degree/certificate was awarded (if applicable).	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	Criminal background questions are on application for licensure
Utah	May Meets State requirement	https://dopl.utah.gov/nurse/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Must have earned a graduate degree in: an advanced practice registered nurse nursing education program; or a related area of specialized knowledge as determined appropriate by the division in collaboration with the board	1	Official documentation of passing the required examination and holding current certification	N/A		Please See Notes	Do you currently have any criminal action pending?
Vermont	May Meets State requirement	https://sos.vermont.gov/nursing/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Have a degree or certificate from a Vermont graduate nursing program approved by the Board or a U.S. graduate program approved by a state or a national accrediting agency that includes a curriculum substantially equivalent to Vermont programs approved by the Board.	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		N/A	
Virginia	May Meets State requirement	https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Nursing/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Submit evidence of a 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	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		N/A	

Washington	May Meets State requirement	https://www.doh.wa.gov/licensespermitsandcertificates/nursingcommission/nurselicensing	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	List your current or completed nursing program. Indicate degree/certificate/diploma earned. List graduation or anticipated graduation date.	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	Washington State Law authorizes the Department of Health to obtain fingerprint background checks for licensing purposes.
West Virginia	May Meets State requirement	https://wvrbboard.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	The applicant must have satisfactorily completed a graduate-level program accredited by a national accreditation body that is acceptable to the board	1	Take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	18	Applicant must be at least 18 years of age	Yes	Provide the board with evidence that he or she is a person of good moral character and not addicted to alcohol or the use of controlled substances
Wisconsin	May Meets State requirement	https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/BoardsCouncils/Nursing/Default.aspx	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Provides evidence of a masters's or doctoral degree in nursing or a related health field granted by a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting organization approved by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.	2	Must pass WI law exam and take and pass the appropriate national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	Criminal background questions are on application for licensure
Wyoming	May Meets State requirement	https://wsbn.wyo.gov/	Curriculum	Curriculum	Curriculum	Master's degree	Graduate from a graduate or post-graduate level advanced practice nursing education program	1	Successfully pass a national certification examination	N/A		Please See Notes	In accordance with Wyoming Statute §§ 33-21-122(c)(xxiv) and 7-19-201, applicants are required to complete a Criminal Background Check (CBC) before a license or certificate can be issued.