

Week 1 Discussion

Nurse practitioners (NPs) are clinicians who practice under specific policies and procedures in the state where they are licensed in (American Association of Nurse Practitioners [AANP], 2022b). NPS are advanced practice nurse registered nurses (APRN) that can practice in any healthcare setting (American Association of Nurse Practitioners [AANP], 2022a). For this post, I will discuss the process of becoming a licensed APRN and their scope of practice in New Jersey.

How do you get certified and licensed as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) in your state?

To become certified and licensed as an APRN in the state of New Jersey, it is first required to achieve a graduate degree in a master's or doctorate-level program intended to prepare APRNs for practice (New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs, 2015). The official title for APRNs in the state of New Jersey was changed to Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) on November 1, 1999, and "may sign their credentialing as R.N., A.P.N." (New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs, 2015). Once their master's or doctorate in nursing program is completed, the applicant must successfully pass the board certification exam in the area of their specialization (New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs, 2015).

What is the application process for certification in your state?

When the advanced education program for the APRN is completed, the prospective APN must submit an application request from the New Jersey Board of