



APRN MODERNIZATION ACT

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By supporting legislation that formally and legally defines and describes the role, responsibility and accountability of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), consumers of their services, will have safeguards that the requirements for licensure provide greater public protection.

Why enact legislation to practice as an APRN?

1. Expand primary care delivery throughout Wisconsin.
2. Expand access to timely and quality care provided by APRNs.
3. To protect Wisconsin citizens by law that defines and describes the requirements to practice as an APRN.

Who are Advanced Practice Registered Nurses?

APRNs are registered nurses who have completed graduate level education that results in advanced knowledge which prepares them to provide patient care. The four types of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses are:

- Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)
- Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)
- Nurse Practitioner (NP)

What is the demand for APRNs?

Hospitals and clinics throughout Wisconsin are utilizing APRNs because their knowledge and skills support access to timely, safe, effective, and quality health care services.

Some examples:

- Expansion of same-day surgery is dependent on the availability of safe and quality services provided by a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs).
- Prevention and health promotion services, particularly for those with chronic diseases is dependent on Nurse Practitioners (NPs) and Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS).
- Increased utilization for women's health are provided by Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs).
- Exploding Medicare population receives care from APRNs at a reasonable cost.
- More businesses are utilizing APRNs for primary and occupational health services.

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