

Franklin University

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Family Nurse Practitioner Track

U.S. State and Territory Professional Licensure Information

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Professional Licensure Programs

A professional license is typically regulated by state laws and is required for graduates of these programs to practice, to use the professional designation in their title, and/or to gain employment in certain occupations.

The Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) track option in Franklin University's DNP program is designed to prepare students for a career as a licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN).

National Certification

Graduates of Franklin University's DNP, Family Nurse Practitioner track program option are eligible to apply to sit for Family Nurse Practitioner certification examinations offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) and Nurse Practitioner Certification Board (NPCB).

State Licensure

Requirements for APRN licensure vary by state and may involve more than successful degree completion. Graduates who apply for licensure may need to satisfy other requirements, such as passing an examination to obtain certification from a national agency, completing an application, paying a fee, and holding an active RN license in the state. States also have varying requirements and scope of practice restrictions for APRNs to prescribe medications that are separate from requirements to obtain an advanced practice nursing license.

Educational requirements for APRN licensure can include specifications for the applicant's type of academic degree, type of educational institution where the academic program was completed, and curriculum content within the academic program. Some states offer multiple pathways to APRN licensure, including accepting the results of a national certification exam, or recognizing a license earned in another state.

The list below pertains only to the educational requirements to obtain an initial state license as an advanced practice nurse. Alternative pathways to licensure and additional requirements, other than educational, are not considered in this list.

The information provided below does not guarantee that any particular state licensure entity will approve or deny an individual application for certification or professional licensure; individual determinations are made by the state licensing boards upon review of all application materials.

Franklin University makes every effort to ensure the information provided on educational requirements for licensure is accurate and up-to-date; however, these requirements are subject to change at any time. Students who will be seeking licensure as an advanced practice nurse are strongly encouraged to visit

the associated agency website (linked in the lists below) in the state in which they intend to practice to review all requirements to obtain licensure. *Note: If links are not provided, a website for the nursing regulatory agency in that location is currently unavailable.*

Program: Doctor of Nursing Practice, Family Nurse Practitioner Track

Meets requirements in:

Alabama: [Alabama Board of Nursing](#)
Alaska: [Alaska Board of Nursing](#)
Arizona: [Arizona State Board of Nursing](#)
Arkansas: [Arkansas Board of Nursing](#)
California: [California Board of Registered Nursing](#)
Colorado: [Colorado Division of Professions and Occupations: State Board of Nursing](#)
Connecticut: [Connecticut State Department of Public Health](#)
Delaware: [Delaware Division of Professional Regulation: Board of Nursing](#)
District of Columbia: [District of Columbia Board of Nursing](#)
Florida: [Florida Board of Nursing](#)
Georgia: [Georgia Board of Nursing](#)
Guam: [Board of Nurse Examiners](#)
Hawaii: [Board of Nursing](#)
Idaho: [Idaho Board of Nursing](#)
Illinois: [Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation: Nurses](#)
Indiana: [Indiana State Board of Nursing](#)
Iowa: [Iowa Board of Nursing](#)
Kentucky: [Kentucky Board of Nursing](#)
Louisiana: [Louisiana State Board of Nursing](#)
Maine: [Maine State Board of Nursing](#)
Maryland: [Maryland Board of Nursing](#)
Massachusetts: [Board of Registration in Nursing](#)
Michigan: [Michigan Board of Nursing](#)
Minnesota: [Minnesota Board of Nursing](#)
Mississippi: [Mississippi Board of Nursing](#)
Missouri: [Missouri Division of Professional Regulation: Board of Nursing](#)
Montana: [Board of Nursing](#)
Nebraska: [Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services Nurse Licensing](#)
Nevada: [Nevada State Board of Nursing](#)
New Hampshire: [New Hampshire Board of Nursing](#)
New Jersey: [New Jersey Board of Nursing](#)
New Mexico: [New Mexico Board of Nursing](#)
New York: [Office of the Professions](#)
North Carolina: [North Carolina Board of Nursing](#)
North Dakota: [North Dakota Board of Nursing](#)
Northern Mariana Islands: [NMI Board of Nursing](#)
Ohio: [Ohio Board of Nursing](#)
Oklahoma: [Oklahoma Board of Nursing](#)
Oregon: [Oregon State Board of Nursing](#)
Pennsylvania: [State Board of Nursing](#)
Puerto Rico: [Nursing Examining Board](#)

Rhode Island: [Rhode Island Department of Health: Nursing](#)
South Carolina: [South Carolina Board of Nursing](#)
South Dakota: [South Dakota Board of Nursing](#)
Tennessee: [Board of Nursing](#)
Texas: [Texas Board of Nursing](#)
U.S. Virgin Islands: [Board of Nurse Licensure](#)
Utah: [Division of Professional Licensing](#)
Vermont: [Vermont Office of Professional Regulation: Nursing](#)
Virginia: [Board of Nursing](#)
Washington: [Washington State Department of Health](#)
West Virginia: [West Virginia RN Board](#)
Wisconsin: [Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services: Board of Nursing](#)
Wyoming: [Wyoming State Board of Nursing](#)

Does not meet requirements in:

Kansas: [Kansas Board of Nursing](#)

Information Regarding Other Locations

The University has not determined if Franklin's Doctor of Nursing Practice, Family Nurse Practitioner Track program meets the educational requirements for licensure in the locations listed below. Franklin does not currently enroll students in the program from these locations but is providing the regulatory agency links as a courtesy. If links are not provided, a website for the regulatory agency in that location was unavailable at the time of this document's publication.

American Samoa
Federated States of Micronesia
Marshall Islands
Republic of Palau: [Republic of Palau Bureau of Nursing](#)

Franklin's nursing offerings may be closed for enrollment in some locations for reasons other than not meeting curriculum requirements for licensure. State board of nursing requirements related to program approval, clinical experience approval, and faculty in-state licensure are other factors that impact whether or not Franklin can offer a program in a given location.