The Hawai’i Pacific University Master of Science in Nursing and BSN to Doctor of Nursing Practice programs with specialty areas Family Nurse Practitioner, Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner prepares students to apply for an advanced practice license (APRN) and sit for national certification. The national certification agencies are AANP, ANCC, NCC, and PNCB. Certification requires graduation from a nationally accredited graduate nursing program and an examination in the specialty area. Graduation from the program does not guarantee an advanced practice license and/or national certification.

The requirements to obtain an advanced practice license differ by state. A “Yes” in the second column indicates that the program meets the *educational* requirements in that state. License applicants must have a master’s degree or higher and hold an unencumbered RN license. In addition, each state may have multiple other requirements that must be met. For the states in which you plan to practice, please go to the state board of nursing website to review the licensure requirements. Because the licensure requirements are subject to change, it is essential that all prospective licensees visit the state board of nursing website on a regular basis for updated information.

| **State/**  **District** | **Does the Program Meet the Educational Requirements? (Yes, No, Cannot Determine)** | **RN License Requirement for APRN License Application** | **State Board of Nursing Website** |
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| **Alabama** | Yes | RN in Alabama or compact state | <https://www.abn.alabama.gov/> |
| **Alaska** | Yes | RN in Alaska | <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/professionallicensing/boardofnursing.aspx> |
| **Arizona** | No | RN in Arizona or compact state | <https://www.azbn.gov/> |
| **Arkansas** | Yes | RN in Arkansas | <http://www.arsbn.org/> |
| **California** | Yes | RN in California | <http://www.rn.ca.gov/> |
| **Colorado** | Yes | RN in Colorado or compact state | <https://www.colorado.gov/dora/Nursing> |
| **Connecticut** | Yes | RN in Connecticut | <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/APRN/APRN-Licensure-Requirements> |
| **Delaware** | Yes | RN in Delaware | <https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/nursing/> |
| **District of Columbia** | No | RN in DC | <https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/323062> |
| **Florida** | Yes | RN in Florida | <https://floridasnursing.gov/> |
| **Georgia** | Yes | RN in Georgia or multistate | <https://sos.ga.gov/cgi-bin/plbforms.asp?board=38> |
| **Hawai’i** | Yes | RN in Hawai’i | <http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/nursing/> |
| **Idaho** | Yes | RN in Idaho or compact state | <https://ibn.idaho.gov/IBNPortal/> |
| **Illinois** | Yes | RN in Illinois | <https://www.idfpr.com/profs/nursing.asp> |
| **Indiana** | Yes | RN in Indiana | <https://www.in.gov/pla/> |
| **Iowa** | Yes | RN in Iowa or compact state | <https://nursing.iowa.gov/> |
| **Kansas** | Yes | RN in Kansas or compact state | <https://ksbn.kansas.gov/> |
| **Kentucky** | Yes | RN in Kentucky or compact state | <https://kbn.ky.gov/Pages/committees.aspx> |
| **Louisiana** | No | RN in Louisiana or compact state | <http://www.lsbn.state.la.us/> |
| **Maine** | Yes | RN in Maine or compact state | <https://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/> |
| **Maryland** | No | RN in Maryland or compact state | <http://www.mbon.org/Pages/default.aspx> |
| **Massachusetts** | Yes | RN in Massachusetts | <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-in-nursing> |
| **Michigan** | Yes | RN in Michigan | <https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_72603_27529_27542-59003--,00.html> |
| **Minnesota** | Yes | RN in Minnesota | <https://mn.gov/boards/nursing/> |
| **Mississippi** | Yes | RN in Mississippi or compact state | <https://www.msbn.ms.gov/Pages/Home.aspx> |
| **Missouri** | Yes | RN in Missouri or compact state | <https://pr.mo.gov/nursing.asp> |
| **Montana** | Yes | RN in Montana or compact state | <https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/nursing/> |
| **Nebraska** | Yes | RN in Nebraska or compact state | <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/pages/nurse-licensing.aspx> |
| **Nevada** | Yes | RN in Nevada | <https://nevadanursingboard.org/> |
| **New Hampshire** | No | RN in New Hampshire or compact state | <https://www.oplc.nh.gov/nursing/index.htm> |
| **New Jersey** | Yes | RN in New Jersey | <https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/nur/Pages/default.aspx> |
| **New Mexico** | Yes | RN in New Mexico or compact state | <https://nmbon.sks.com/> |
| **New York** | No | RN in New York | <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/nurse/> |
| **North Carolina** | Yes | RN in North Carolina or compact state | <https://www.ncbon.com/> |
| **North Dakota** | No | RN in North Dakota or compact state | <https://www.ndbon.org/> |
| **Ohio** | Yes | RN in Ohio | <https://nursing.ohio.gov/> |
| **Oklahoma** | Yes | RN in Oklahoma or compact state | <http://nursing.ok.gov/> |
| **Oregon** | No | RN in Oregon | <https://www.oregon.gov/osbn/Pages/index.aspx> |
| **Pennsylvania** | Yes | RN in Pennsylvania | <https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing/Pages/default.aspx> |
| **Rhode Island** | Yes | RN in Rhode Island | <https://health.ri.gov/licenses/> |
| **South Carolina** | Yes | RN in South Carolina or compact state | <https://llr.sc.gov/nurse/> |
| **South Dakota** | Yes | RN in South Dakota or compact state | <https://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/> |
| **Tennessee** | No | RN in Tennessee or compact state | <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/nursing-board/nursing-board/about.html> |
| **Texas** | Yes | RN in Texas or compact state | <https://www.bon.texas.gov/> |
| **Utah** | Yes | RN in Utah or compact state | <https://dopl.utah.gov/nurse/> |
| **Vermont** | Yes | RN in Vermont | <https://www.ncsbn.org/Vermont.htm> |
| **Virginia** | Yes | RN in Virginia or compact state | <http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Nursing/> |
| **Washington** | No | RN in Washington | <https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/NursingCommission> |
| **West Virginia** | Yes | RN in West Virginia or compact state | <https://wvrnboard.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx> |
| **Wisconsin** | Yes | RN in Wisconsin or compact state | <https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/BoardsCouncils/Nursing/Default.aspx> |
| **Wyoming** | Yes | RN in Wyoming or compact state | <https://wsbn.wyo.gov/> |