

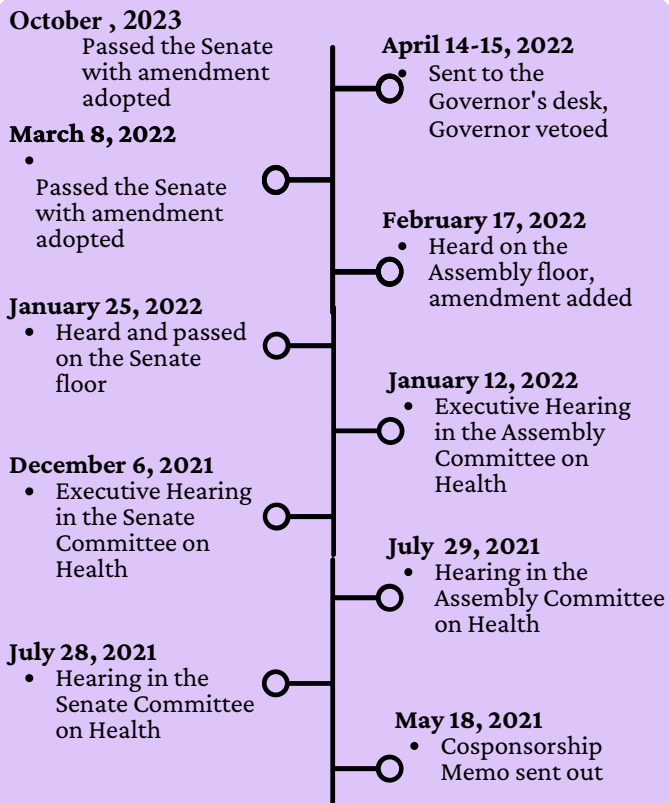
The APRN Modernization Act

Registered Nurses in Wisconsin are currently prevented from delivering the highest quality care. The goal of this legislation is to remove the outdated titles of Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) and Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber (APNP) to *create a new more accurate and inclusive title of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)*. When passed, Wisconsin will join the 27 other states that have enacted APRN legislation.

Benefits of APRN

- ✓ Allows nurses to practice at the top of the scope
- ✓ Helps address healthcare staffing shortages
- ✓ Provides patients greater access in all healthcare settings
- ✓ Helps contain rising healthcare costs

2023 APRN History



*The first APRN bill was drafted in 2015

APRN Legislation Summary

LICENSURE

- Creates a simplified system of licensure for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), administered by the Board Of Nursing.
- Establishes 4 recognized roles under an APRN License
 - Certified nurse-midwife
 - Certified registered nurse anesthetist
 - Clinical nurse specialist
 - Nurse practitioner
- Eliminates outdated titles
- Does not add any new requirements for licensure

RELATIONSHIPS

- Requires an APRN to collaborate and refer when managing situations beyond the APRN's expertise
- Establishes a required "High Acuity Emergency Care Plan" for a Certified Nurse Midwife that practice outside of a hospital setting, as a condition of licensure
- Retains employers ability to place additional practice requirements on APRN as a condition of employment, including collaboration with a physician
- Eliminates mandate of written collaborative agreement once experience requirements are met

PRESCRIBING

- Allows national board certified advanced practice nurses to continue to prescribe
- Maintains current educational and training requirements for prescribers
- Grandfathers current and non-prescribers
- Provides malpractice coverage under the Injured Patient & Family Compensation Fund.



APRN MODERNIZATION ACT
*Education Accreditation
Certification Licensure*

Support meeting the health care demands for Wisconsin's rural and at-risk populations through the passage of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Modernization Act.

WNA will be bringing back our legislative proposal that will empower highly educated and experienced Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) to obtain full practice authority which will support access to care and treatment for Wisconsinites.

Wisconsin's rural and at-risk populations benefit from receiving health services that are provided by certified nurse-midwives, certified registered nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists, and nurse practitioners and other health care workers.

Wisconsin's APRNs continue to experience barriers to practice due to a rule that requires physician collaboration and legislative proposal will allow APRNs to practice as a team member but not being tethered to a specific physician.

- APRNs have always collaborated with members of the health care team including their physician colleagues.
- APRNs are leaving Wisconsin to practice in our neighboring states and others where they have full practice authority (FPA).
 - The current situation in Western Wisconsin is resulting in APRNs leaving Wisconsin to work in Minnesota. The advantage for relocating to Minnesota is that APRNs have full practice authority.
- APRNs are contributing to improved access to care in rural areas when they have full practice authority.
- States that are growing their healthcare workforce in the rural and for at-risk populations have one common denominator, it is the presence of APRNs providing care. Examples include:
 - **Arizona**
 - NP workforce doubles across the state and grows 70% in rural areas within 5 years of adopting FPA.
 - **North Dakota**
 - NP workforce grows 83% within 6 years of adopting FPA.
 - **Nevada**
 - APRN workforce grows 34% within 3 years of adopting FPA.
 - **Nebraska**
 - NP workforce grows in 20 state-designated primary care medically underserved areas within 5 years of adopting FPA.

Please support this legislation when it is introduced in early 2025. For more information go to:

<https://www.wisconsinnurses.org/aprn-modernization-act-3/>