

Massachusetts

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) means a currently licensed Massachusetts Registered Nurse (RN) who has current authorization by the Board to engage in advanced practice nurse activities. APRN practice activities include, but are not limited to: advanced assessment, diagnosis, treatment, referrals, consultations, and other modalities for individuals, groups, or communities across the life span for health promotion or health maintenance and for those who are experiencing acute or chronic disease, illness, trauma or other life-altering event in which rehabilitative, and/or palliative interventions are necessary. APRN practice is defined to include only those activities within the APRN's authorized clinical category, scope of practice competencies, and accepted standards of Advanced Nursing practice.

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Board recognized APRN clinical categories and abbreviations include:

1. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA);
2. Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM);
3. Certified Nurse Practitioner (CNP);
4. Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS);