

Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners

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What is an ARNP?

In Kansas

- ARNPs are Registered Nurses with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree
- They have completed advanced practice education by completing a Master of Science in Nursing Degree

What is the role and function of an ARNP?

- ARNPs make independent decisions about the advanced practice nursing needs of patients and families
- ARNPs make medical decisions for patients and families based on the authorization for collaborative practice with one or more physicians

Scope of Practice

“Authorization for collaborative practice” shall mean that an ARNP is authorized to develop and manage the medical plan of care for patients or clients

- Based upon an agreement developed jointly and signed by the ARNP and one or more physicians.
- Reviewed yearly
- Maintained in hard copy or electronic copy in ARNPs place of practice

Types of Nurse Practitioners in Kansas

- (a) Clinical nurse specialist
- (b) nurse anesthetist
- (c) nurse-midwife
- (d) nurse practitioner

Nurse Practitioners

Provide health promotion and maintenance, disease prevention, and independent nursing diagnosis,

Develop and manage the medical plan of care for patients or clients, based on the authorization for collaborative practice;

Provide health care services for which the nurse practitioner is educationally prepared and for which competency has been established and maintained.

Provide health care for individuals by managing health problems encountered by patients and clients; and

Provide innovation in evidence-based nursing practice based upon advanced clinical expertise, decision making, and leadership skills and serve as a consultant, researcher, and patient advocate for individuals, families, groups, and communities to achieve quality, cost-effective patient outcomes and solutions.

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Nurse Midwives

Develop and manage the medical plan of care for patients or clients, based on the authorization for collaborative practice;

Provide health care services for which the nurse-midwife is educationally prepared and for which competency has been established and maintained.

Provide health care for women, focusing on gynecological needs, pregnancy, childbirth, the postpartum period, care of the newborn, and family planning, including indicated partner evaluation, treatment, and referral for infertility and sexually transmitted diseases; and

Provide innovation in evidence-based nursing practice based upon advanced clinical expertise, decision making, and leadership skills and serve as a consultant, researcher, and patient advocate for individuals, families, groups, and communities to achieve quality, cost-effective patient outcomes and solutions.

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Clinical Nurse Specialists

Functions of the advanced registered nurse practitioner in the category of clinical nurse specialist. ...expanded role to provide evidence-based nursing practice within a specialty area focused on specific patients or clients, populations, settings, and types of care.

Provide health care services for which the clinical nurse specialist is educationally prepared and for which competency has been established and maintained.

Provide care for specific patients or clients or specific populations, or both, utilizing a broad base of advanced scientific knowledge, nursing theory, and skills in assessing, planning, implementing, and evaluating health and nursing care; and

Provide innovation in evidence-based nursing practice based upon advanced clinical expertise, decision making, and leadership skills and serve as a consultant, researcher, and patient advocate for individuals, families, groups, and communities to achieve quality, cost-effective patient outcomes and solutions.

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Nurse Anesthetist

“Registered nurse anesthetist” means a licensed professional nurse who is authorized to practice as a registered nurse anesthetist.

“Board” means the board of nursing.

“Local anesthetic” means infiltration anesthesia or anesthesia produced by direct infiltration of local anesthetic solution into the operative site.

“Regional anesthesia” means the use of local anesthetic solutions to produce loss of sensation in circumscribed areas.

“General anesthesia” means one that is complete and affecting the entire body with the loss of consciousness.

“Active anesthesia practice” means clinical practice and anesthesia related administrative, educational, and research activities.

Practical Application

- ARNPs are physician extenders in rural and underserved areas in Kansas
- They cover ER in rural areas
- They practice in clinics with physicians



KS Data Implications

- Of the 2.8 million Kansans, 1.0 million live in rural areas
- 99 of the 105 counties in Kansas are rural
- 84 of the counties are underserved by Federal designation
- 78 of the counties are labeled underserved by State designation
- 83 of the 158 hospitals are critical access hospitals



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