

South Carolina Summary of PA and APRN (NP) Practice Acts

SC Summary of Practice	PA	APRN (NP)
Licensing Board	SC Board of Medical Examiners	SC Nursing Board
Supervising Physician	Yes, must designate one supervising physician	Yes, must designate one supervising physician
Number a physician can supervise	3 FTE (full time equivalent)	3 FTE (full time equivalent)
Number of alternating physicians (when the supervising physician is not available)	Unlimited: So long as the alternate is in the same practice and has the same scope of work	Unlimited: So long as the alternate is in the same practice and has the same scope of work
Board examination	Upon graduation and Every 10 years thereafter to maintain board certification	Upon graduation
Offsite/Outreach practice	Can travel up to 60 miles from supervising or alternate physician to practice independently when have worked on the home site for 6 months 10 percent of offsite charts need to be co-signed by the physician when the PA practices independently	Can travel up to 45 miles from supervising or alternate physician to practice independently
Prescriptive Authority with successful application of DEA	Schedule II-V (Schedule II with limitations, see PA practice act)	Schedule III-V
Ability to see new patients independently	Yes	Yes
Telemedicine practice	Yes	Yes
Continuing Education	Yes	Yes

- A supervising physician can supervise up to 3 FTE (PA's) **and** up to 3 FTE (APRN's)
- In regard to the offsite/outreach practice, each respective board has an exemption process and each request may be approved on a case by case basis
- PA's can practice up to 60 miles from the supervising physician or the acting alternate physician
- APRN'S (NP's) can practice up to 45 miles from the supervising physician or the acting alternate physician

References: SC PA Practice Act 2013, SC Nurse Practice Act, SC Telemedicine Advisory Opinion 8-3-15
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