



# APRN Credentialing and Privileging Process

## APRN Privileges:

**Core APRN Privileges include but are not limited to:** Order appropriate pharmacological agents and non-pharmacological interventions; evaluation of consults on inpatients and ED patients; diagnosis based upon history and physical exam and clinical findings; initiate referrals to appropriate physicians or other healthcare professionals; interpret diagnostic tests; obtain consents for treatment; obtain history and physical; order and perform consults; order blood and blood products; order diagnostic testing and therapeutic modalities; order and initiate tests, treatments and interventions; prescribe medications; write admission orders; write discharge orders and corresponding plans of care; write transfer orders based on the plan for the care transition.

## Definitions:

**Professional Practice Model Job Description for APRN:** The ROPH Professional Practice Model Domains of relationships and caring, technical expertise, critical thinking, evidenced-based practice and leadership define the competencies in the job descriptions of all APRNs at ROPH.

**Credentialing:** Credentialing is the process for validating licensure, clinical experience, educational preparation, and certification for specialty practice. This process is required for all APRNs.

**Privileging:** Privileging is an entitlement process whereby nurses in advanced practice roles are granted authority to provide specific healthcare services to patients at ROPH practice sites. APRNs requesting privileges must identify a physician, with active privileges for the same procedures requested by the APRN. This process is required for all APRNs requesting privileges for procedures beyond the APRN Core Privileges.

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Credentialing and privileging (if applicable) must be completed prior to practicing as an APRN. The Joint Commission requires that all APRNs be privileged through the medical staff process or a procedure that is equivalent to the medical staff process. It must follow criteria set forth in the Joint Commission credentialing and privileging regulations.

