

UPMC
**Clinical Scope of Practice Request
 Criteria Summary Sheet**

Facility: UPMC St. Margaret

Specialty: **CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER**

<p>TRAINING/ CERTIFICATION</p>	<p>A Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP) shall be a graduate of an approved program. The CRNP shall be required to show proof that he or she is licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and shall be required to maintain that licensure and to inform the hospital when licensure re examinations are required and the results of the re examinations.</p> <p>A CRNP hired after graduation from an approved school, but prior to having taken the national certified examination, shall notify the hospital of their results on the national certifying examination. The supervising physician shall be required to show proof that he or she is licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a supervising physician.</p>
<p>OTHER</p>	<p>The CRNP shall, under appropriate direction and supervision by a physician, augment the physician's data gathering abilities in order to assist the supervising physician in reaching decisions and initiating care plans for the physician's patients. The CRNP shall have, as a minimum, the knowledge and competency to perform the following functions and may, under appropriate supervision, perform them. This list is not intended to be specific or all-inclusive.</p> <p>Prescriptive Authority: Before a CRNP may prescribe and dispense drugs, he or she must demonstrate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Successful completion of not less than 40 hours of course work in advanced pharmacology. (49 Pa. Code §18.53(2) and §21.283(2)).</u> The course work must be taken from an educational program or programs approved by the Boards and must be at a level beyond basic professional nursing education pharmacology. The 40 hours may be achieved through a single 40-hour course or through two or more courses totaling 40 hours. Hours of course work in advanced pharmacology that were integrated into a non-pharmacology course may be applied to the total, as long as those hours can be verified through a course syllabus or catalog which identifies the hours devoted to advanced pharmacology, or through attestation from the

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	<p>college or university authority where the course was completed. To summarize, the applicant for CRNP prescriptive authority must document that the pharmacology course work was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced (at a level beyond basic professional nursing education pharmacology) • 40 hours • successfully completed and the date of completion. <p>To document the successful completion of not less than 40 hours of course work in advanced pharmacology, the applicant for CRNP prescriptive authority must submit the Verification of Advanced Pharmacology form, completed and signed by the director of the educational program(s) from which the course work was taken. The applicant may be asked to provide additional information in the form of transcripts, certificates of course completion, syllabi, or course catalogs from the college or university authority where the course was completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>A collaborative agreement, signed and in writing, between the prescribing CRNP and a supervising physician. (49 Pa. Code §18.55 and §21.285).</u> The collaborative agreement shall be kept at the primary practice location of the CRNP. A copy of the agreement shall be filed with the Medical Staff Services Office. The collaborative agreement must contain the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. identification of the parties to the agreement (CRNP, collaborating physician and substitute physician(s)) b. the area of practice in which the CRNP is certified c. the categories of drugs from which the CRNP may prescribe or dispense d. attestation by the collaborating physician that he or she has knowledge and experience with any drug that the CRNP will prescribe e. nature and circumstance of the collaboration f. conditions under which the CRNP may prescribe a Schedule II controlled substance for up to 72 hours g. the amount of professional liability insurance carried by the CRNP
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	<p>The collaborative agreement between a prescribing CRNP and a supervising physician contemplates only a collaborative agreement between a prescribing CRNP and an allopathic physician licensed by the State Board of Medicine. <u>CRNPs collaborating with osteopathic physicians may not prescribe and dispense drugs.</u></p> <p>In order to <u>maintain</u> prescriptive authority, a CRNP must demonstrate that he or she has completed a minimum of <u>16 hours</u> of continuing education in advanced pharmacology per biennium. The course or courses must be approved by the State Board of Nursing and must be completed within the two years prior to the biennial renewal date of the CRNP's certification. The continuing education requirements will begin with the license renewal two years after the effective date of the regulations. The regulations were effective November 18, 2000. (49 Pa. Code §18.53(3) and §21.283(3))</p>
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