

**WAC 246-840-020 Credentials issued to an LPN, RN, or ARNP in Washington state.** The following credentials are issued to nurses in Washington state.

(1) Active status license for LPN or RN. A license is issued upon completion of licensure requirements. The license holder may use the title licensed practical nurse or registered nurse and the use of its abbreviation, LPN or RN. The license allows practice as an LPN or RN in the state of Washington.

A student who has graduated from a basic professional nursing course and who is pursuing a baccalaureate degree in nursing, an advanced degree in nursing or an advanced certification in nursing must hold an active Washington RN license before participating in the practice of nursing as required to fulfill the learning objectives in a clinical course.

(2) Advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) license. An ARNP license may be issued to an individual who meets the requirements of the commission as contained in WAC 246-840-300 through 246-840-365. Only persons holding this license have the right to use the title "advanced registered nurse practitioner" or the abbreviation "ARNP" or any title or abbreviation which indicates that the individual is entitled to practice at an advanced and specialized role as a NP, CNM, CRNA, or CNS. The license is valid only with a current RN license. The ARNP's scope of practice is defined by a national certifying body approved by the commission.

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