



AORN Position Statement on Advanced Practice Registered Nurses in the Perioperative Environment

POSITION STATEMENT

AORN believes:

- the contributions of advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) practicing in the perioperative setting can support optimal patient outcomes.
- a perioperative APRN, with the indicated training and competencies, may function in many roles in the perioperative environment. Some of the roles described in the literature include^{1,2}:
 - First assistant
 - APRN circulator
 - Surgical scrub person
 - Educator
 - Informatics nurse specialist
 - Leader (eg, nurse executive, administrator, manager, director)
 - Nurse scientist
 - Nurse consultant
- an APRN who practices in the perioperative environment must complete the applicable education