



	Physician	APRN	PA
Education	Doctorate	Master's or doctorate	Master's degree
Residency	3-7 years	Optional	Optional
Hours of Training	15,000	1,500	2,000

[Source: Greenberg Testimony 3/24/26](#)

APRNs can have their own independent practice after 24 months and 2,400 hours of licensed active advanced nursing practice and 12 months and 1,600 hours for any additional role and population focus.

PAs have a practice agreement based on education and experience. The practice agreement requires that a PA will collaborate with a physician when they feel it is necessary. PA training typically includes 24-27 months with 5,000 hours of clinical training.

Because S.163 impacts only hospitals and not independent practices, including both PAs and APRNs in S.163 would be consistent with current practice. Additionally, hospitals have the ability to set their own guidelines.