

Advanced Practice Providers

Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners

The Advanced Practice Provider – or APP – is not just the “physician’s assistant.”

APPs are a key part of the healthcare team. They are licensed to practice medicine, prescribe medication, order and interpret laboratory tests, treat illnesses, and assist in surgery!

A physician does not have to be on site for APPs to see patients.

Nebraska does not require a physician to be on site 100% of the time APPs are seeing patients – collaboration is key. APPs and physicians work together as members of the patient’s healthcare team.



APPs do practice in specialties – like Orthopaedics!

APPs perform consultations and see new patients in every medical and surgical specialty from pediatric neurosurgery to oncology to primary care...to orthopaedics!

APPs have advanced training and degrees in medicine.

Nurse practitioners receive advanced degrees and clinical training, and physician assistants complete two-year programs modeled on medical school.

APPs can see new patients and perform consultations.

APPs can see patients in all settings without a physician present. APPs are critical to enhancing patient access to care in rural and underserved areas, as well as when physicians are unavailable.

APPs love their jobs and treating patients!

90% of nurse practitioners report moderate to high job satisfaction while 81.5% of physician assistants report they would choose this career all over again.