

Timeline to Practice
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December 2026—*Graduate from the University of Colorado AGPCNP Program.*

- Upon completion of this program I will have attained **33 didactic credits, 12 clinical credits and 540 clinical hours** for the Masters plan of study.

February 2027—*Become board certified by passing the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP) Examination.*

- **Eligibility Requirements for AGPCNP Certification:** **Licensure:** Active RN license in a CO. **Education:** Master's in Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP) from accredited program. **Clinical Hours:** Minimum of 500 faculty-supervised clinical hours in the AGPCNP program. **3 Core Graduate Courses:** Advanced physiology/pathophysiology, advanced health assessment and advanced pharmacology. **Program Content Must Include:** Health promotion and maintenance, differential diagnosis and disease management, and pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic treatment interventions. **Apply:** Submit validation of education and transcripts to ANCC.

March 2027—*Apply for Registry Status as an Advanced Practice Nurse (APRN) and provisional prescriptive authority through Nurse Practice Act, Section 12-38-111.5 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), and the Board's Chapter 14 rule.*

- **Eligibility Requirements:** Hold an active, unencumbered Colorado RN license, Be included in the Advanced Practice Registry. Submit official sealed transcripts of a graduate degree in nursing and AGPCNP certification. Submit AGPCNP national certification. Submit documentation of 3 years of clinical experience.
- **Other Requirements:** \$150 application fee. Attest that I will have mentor for RX authority.

April/May 2027—*Submit applications for first Adult Primary Care Nurse Practitioner position and eventually accept new role as APRN.*

- Depending on the organization, the processes of credentialing and obtaining practice privileges typically occur concurrently before the official start date. Credentialing verifies my qualifications and competence, while privileging grants formal authorization to practice within the organization.

Summer 2027—*Begin first job as an AGPCNP with provisional prescriptive authority.*

- Will complete a minimum of **750 hours of supervised prescribing experience** under a formal **Mentorship Agreement** with a qualified Colorado-licensed physician or advanced practice provider who holds full prescriptive authority. This agreement outlines the mentor's credentials, scope of guidance, communication methods, and documentation of hours. The mentorship must be completed within three years and may involve remote, synchronous collaboration.

Winter 2028—*Practice as an AGPCNP with full prescriptive authority*

- Upon successful completion of the mentorship, I will **submit a mentor-signed attestation and a full prescriptive authority application to the Colorado State Board of Nursing.** Approval allows me to prescribe independently within my role and population focus.