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# Increasing Access to Care: The APRN Consensus Model 2008 to 2015

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- Overview of National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Model Nursing Practice Act.
- Learn about the progress states have made in adopting uniform regulation of APRNs
- Discuss factors driving and preventing legislative action.



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# APRN Consensus

## THEN, 2008


Education programs were not fully aligned

Certification exams had not yet all converted to role and population

Regulatory variation among states was great

Hiring practices were not aligned with education and certification

Post graduate certificate programs were not accredited

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# APRN Consensus NOW, 2015

The IOM Future of Nursing Report recommended “remove barriers to APRNs.”

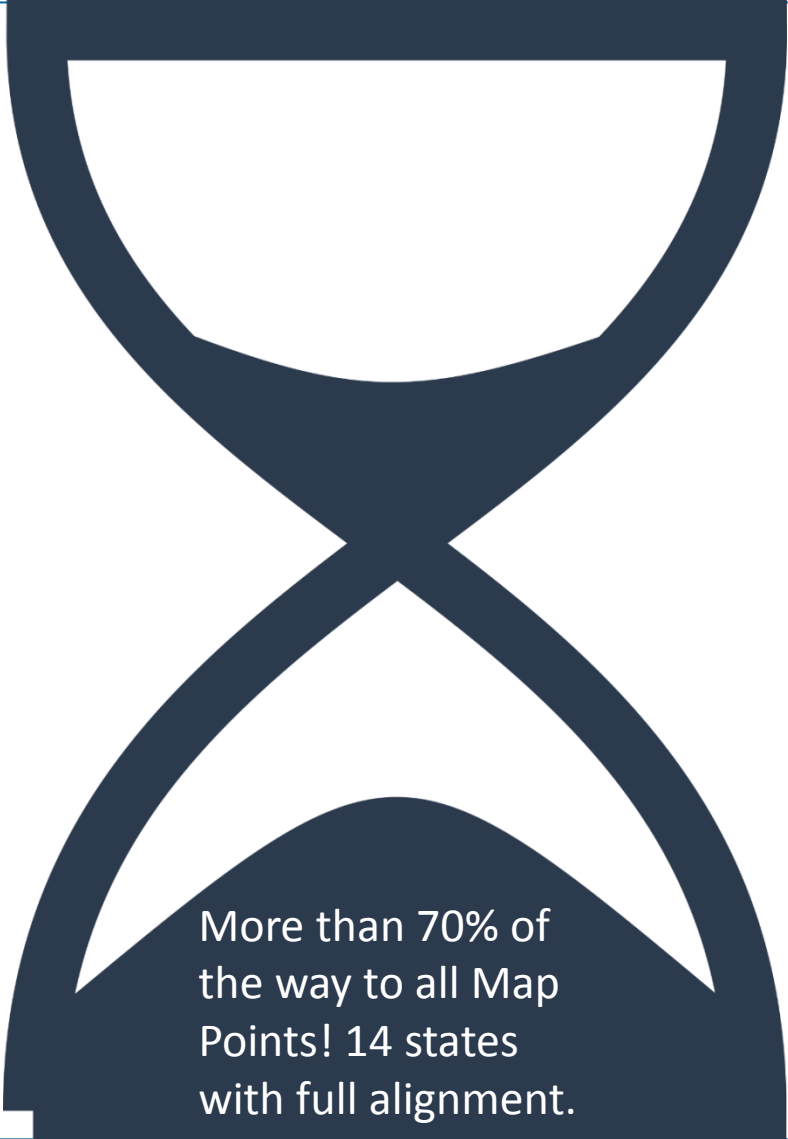
The FTC has said “do not impose barriers to APRNs without demonstrable evidence of a safety concern.”

The ACA has expanded insurance coverage.

Access to care and public health outcomes are problematic in the U.S. compared to other developed nations.

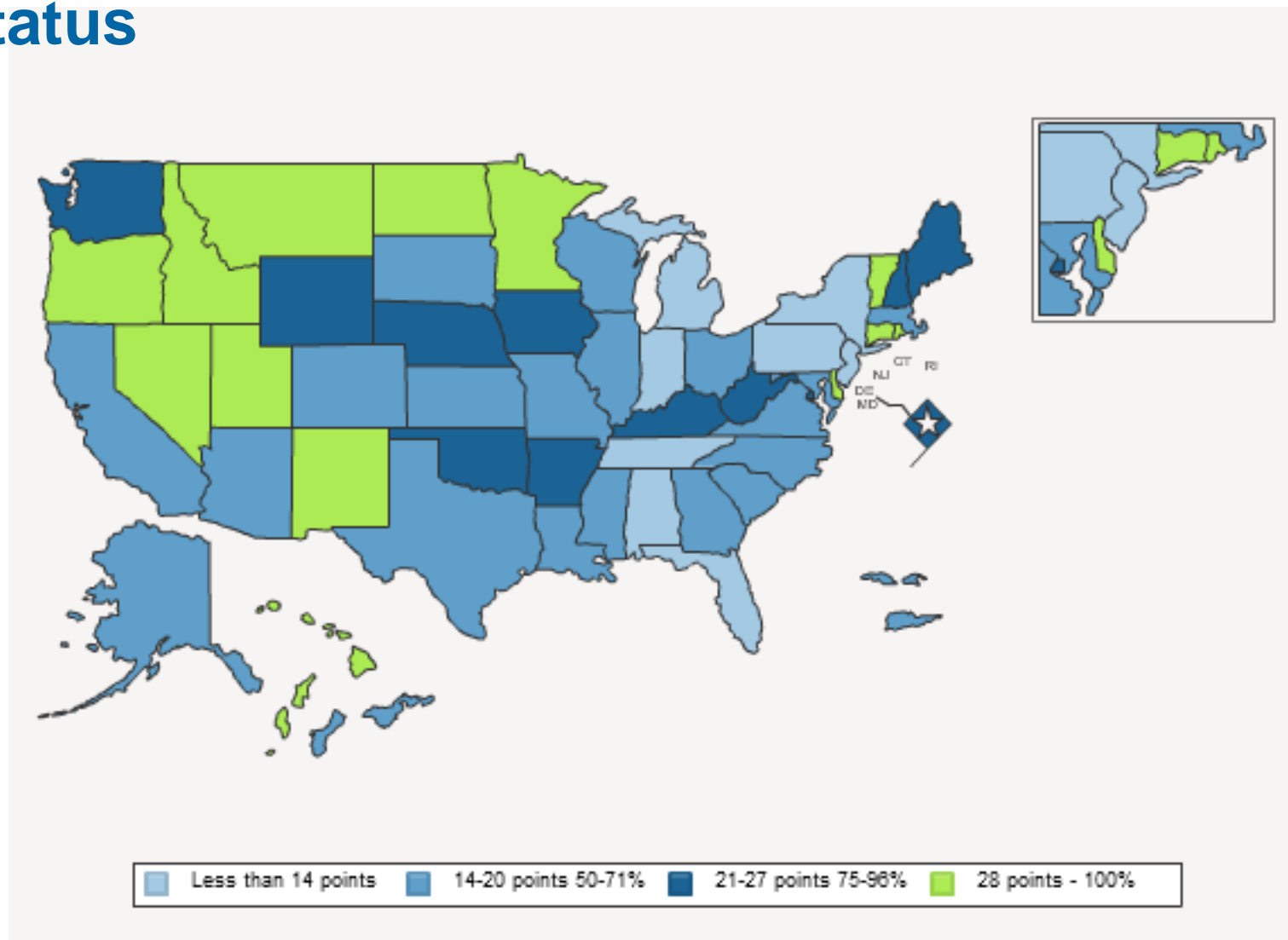
Care in the U.S. remains the most expensive in the world.

APRN outcomes are comparable or better in studies comparing primary care outcomes.



More than 70% of the way to all Map Points! 14 states with full alignment.

# Consensus Model Implementation Status



# Major Components of Consensus Model Scoring Grid

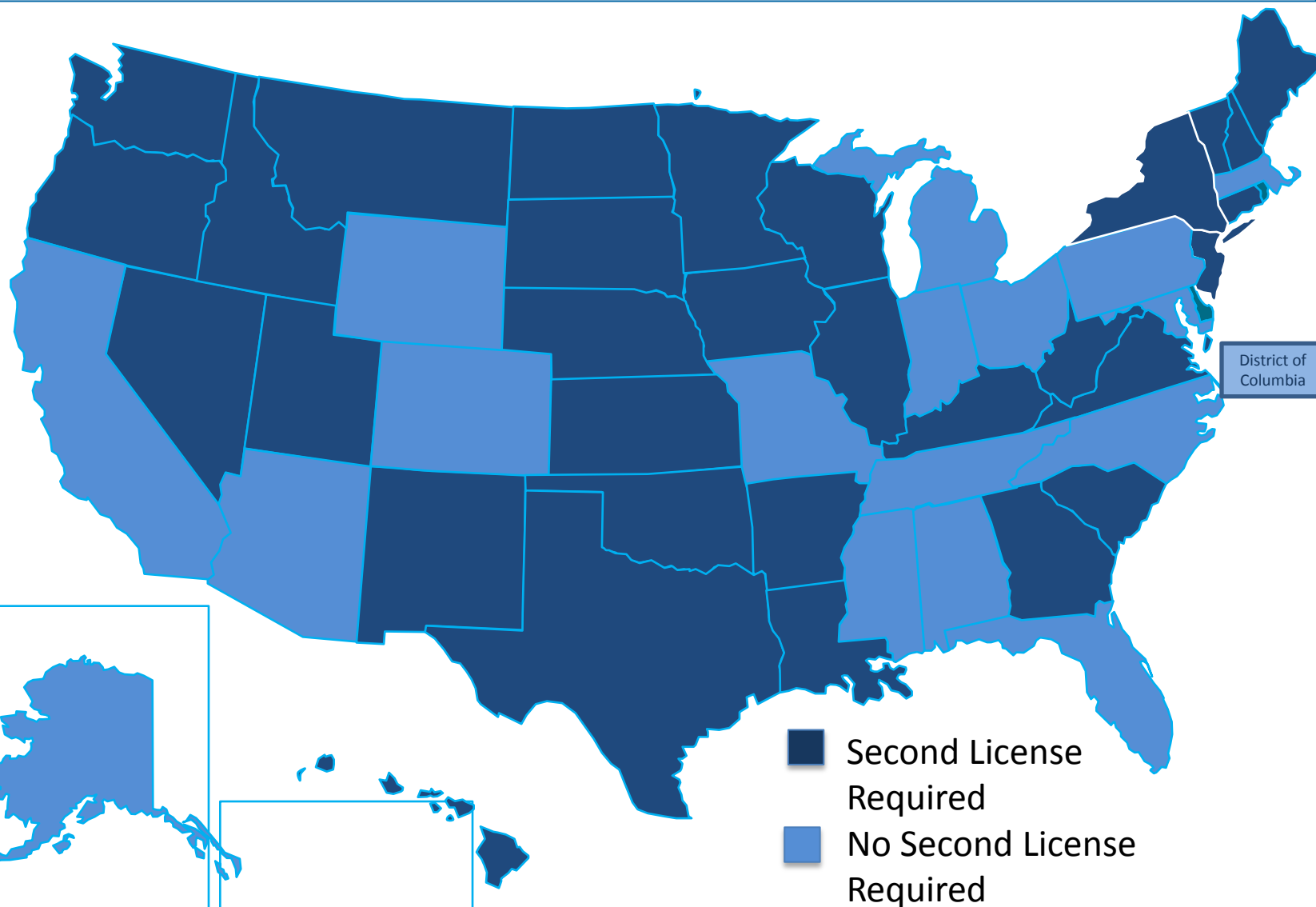
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New Map Points	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Title</b>	KS, OK	ID, WV	AR, MD,* NV, RI	SD	DE, OR
<b>Roles</b>	OK, VT	AZ (CRNA), MD, WV	FL* (CNS), NY (CNS)*	AK (CNS)* RI (CNS, CNM)	AL (CNS), AZ (CNS)*, DE, PA (CNM)*
<b>Licensure</b>	KS, OK	ID, WV	HI, NV	AS,IA, SD (CRNA)	
<b>Education</b>	VT	WV		AS, RI	
<b>Certification</b>	KS, NV, OK, VT	WV	AR	AS	
<b>Practice autonomy</b>	IL*	MA, WA	OR (CRNA), NV	AK (CNS, CRNA)*, AS (CNM, CNP)*, CT, MN, RI (CNS)	DE, MD (CNM, CNP), NE (CNP)
<b>Prescriptive authority</b>	HI, ND	OR (CRNA), ID, MA, ND, OH	OR (CRNA), NV, CNM), ND	AK (CNS, CRNA)*, AS (CNM, CNP)*, CT, MN, KY(legend) RI (CNS)	DE, NE (CNP)





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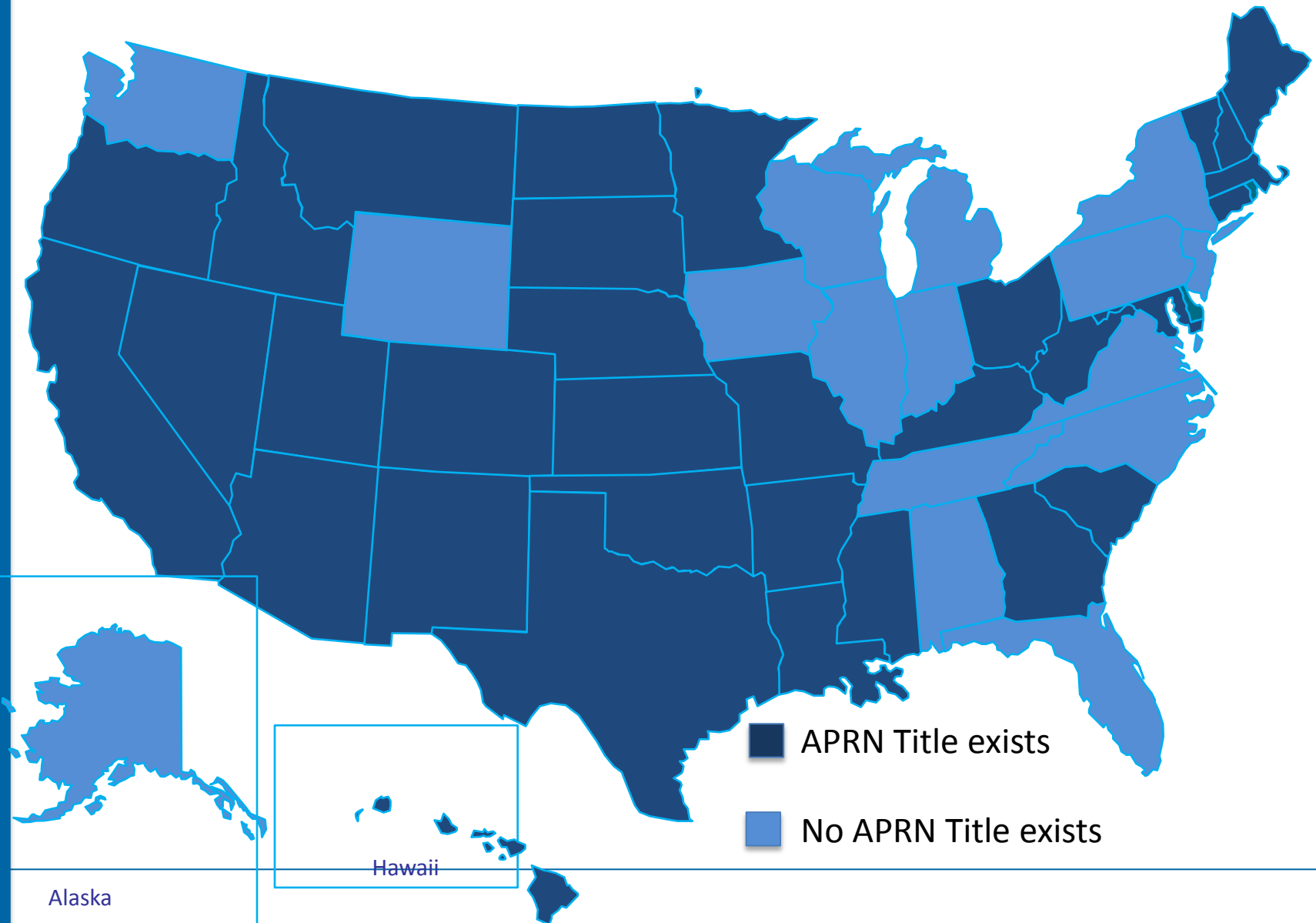


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# APRN Title is needed:

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■ APRN Title exists

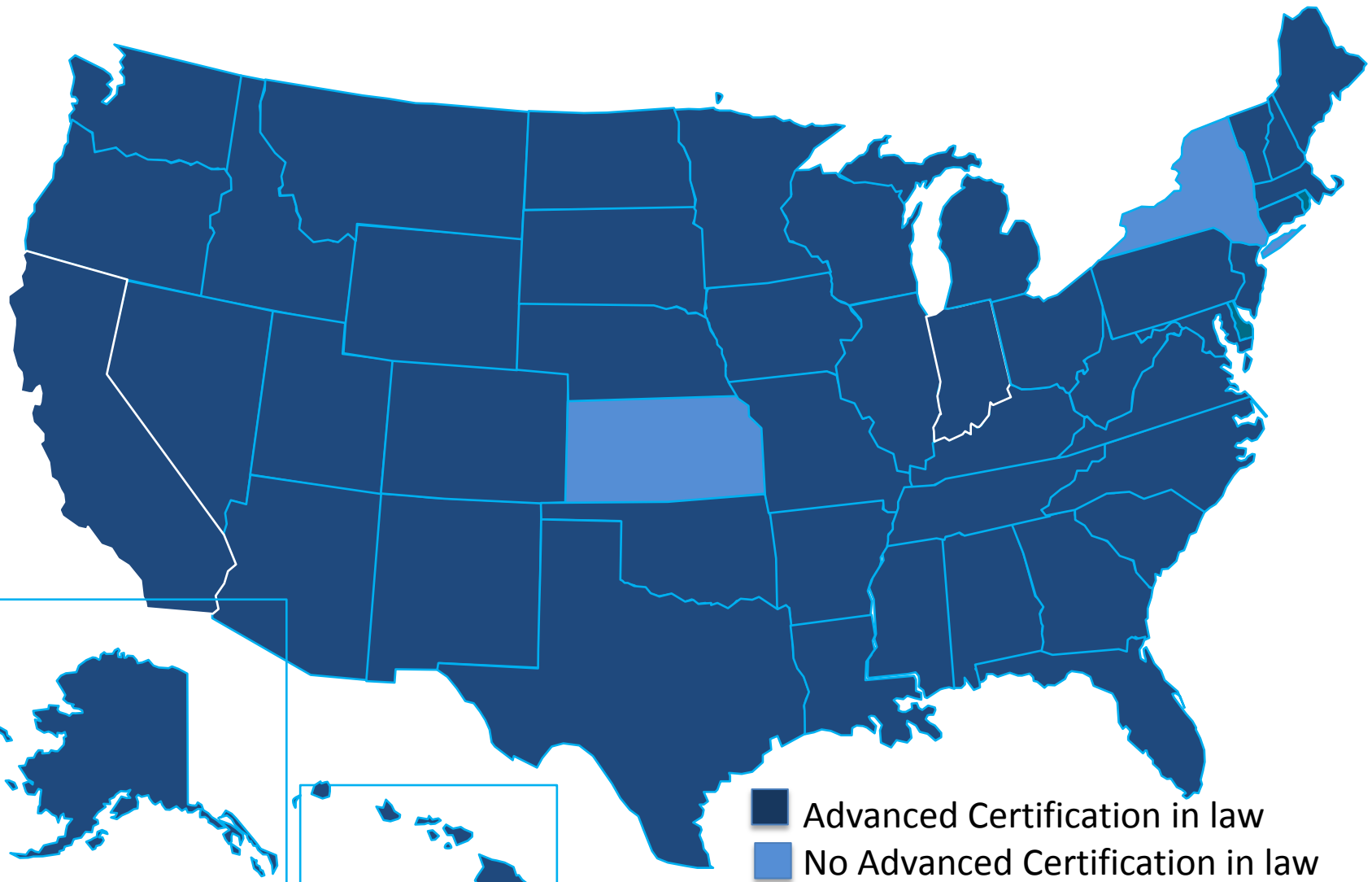
■ No APRN Title exists

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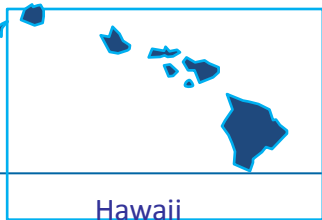
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# Requirement for advanced certification is needed:

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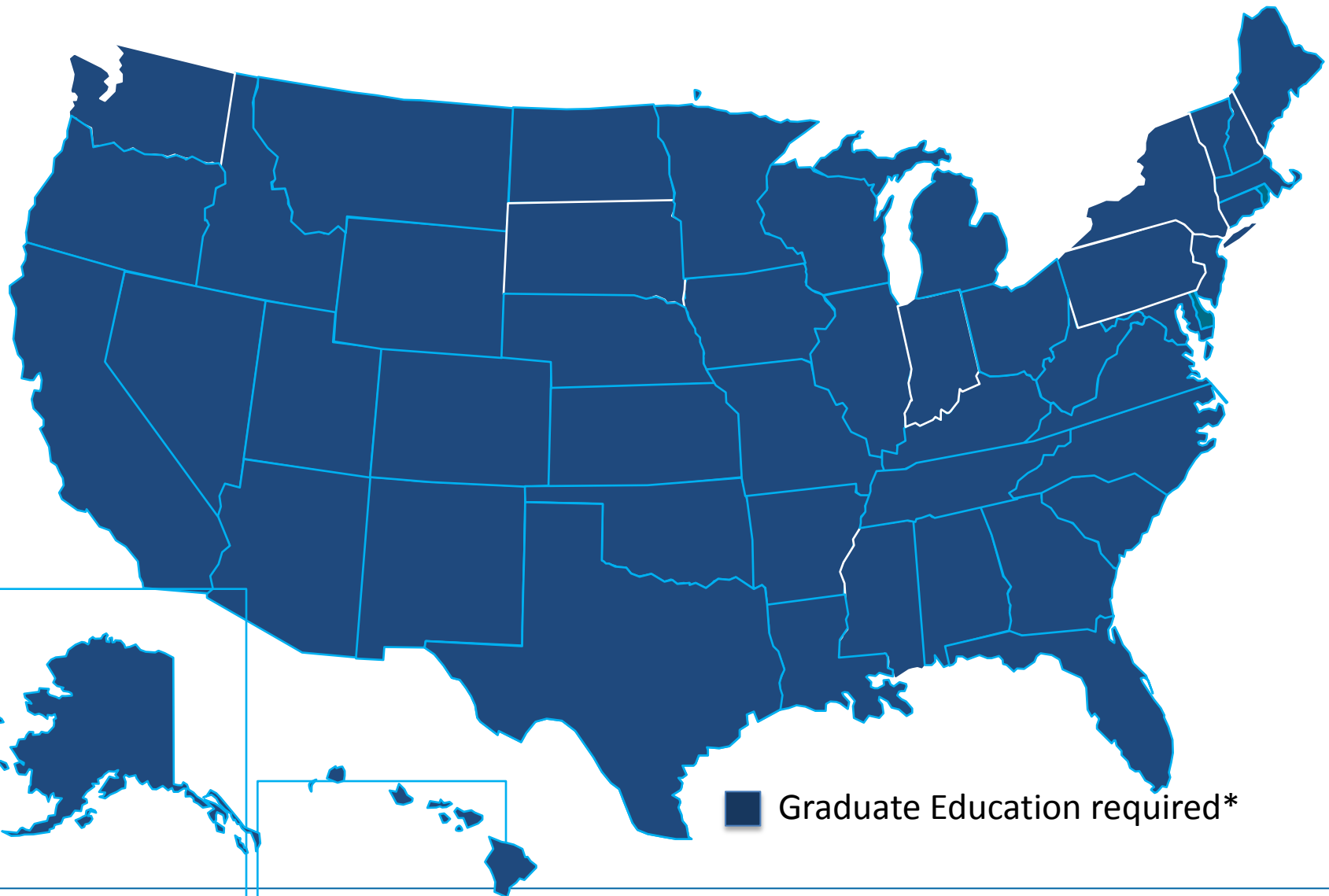


■ Advanced Certification in law  
■ No Advanced Certification in law



# Requirement for graduate education is needed:

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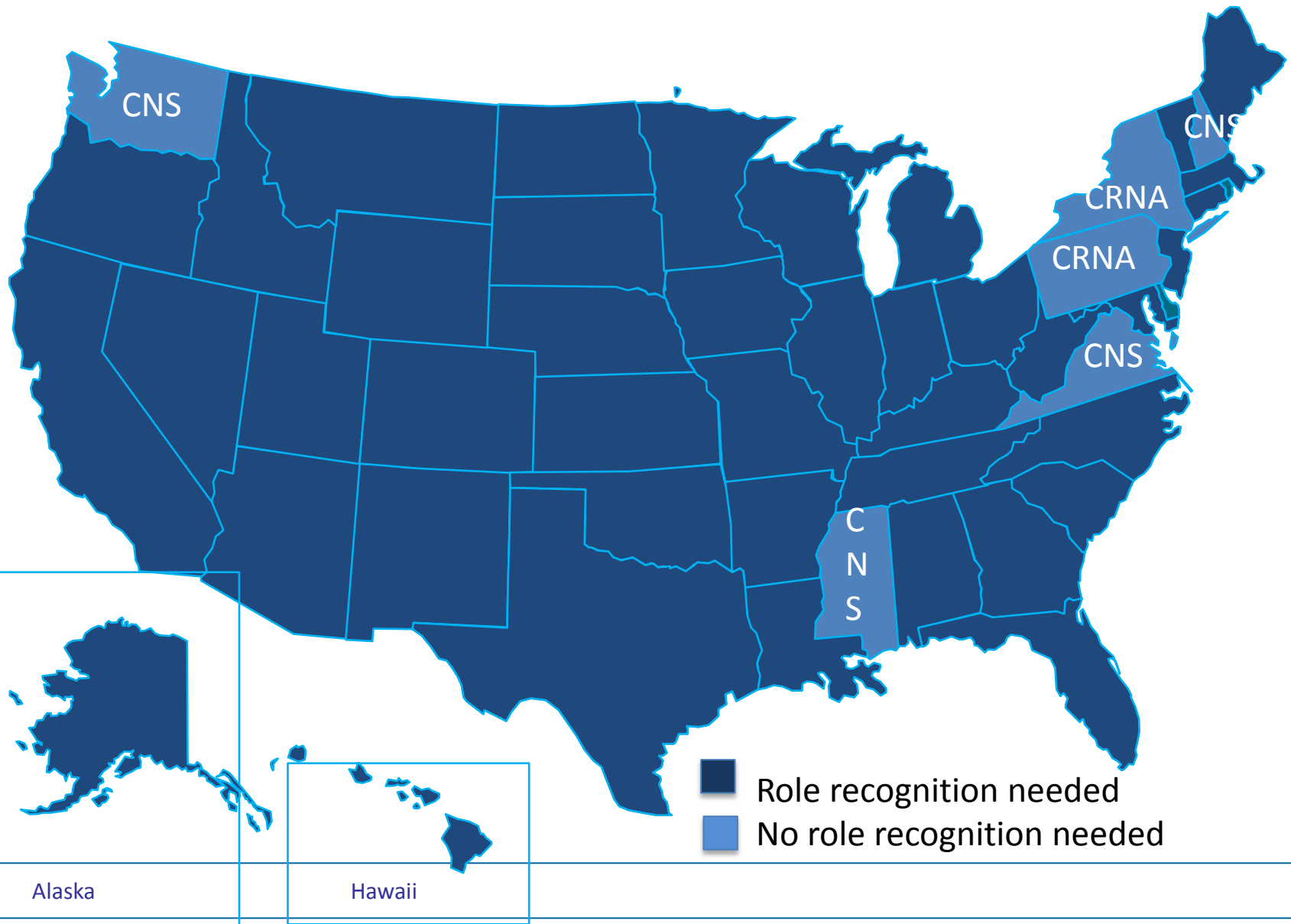


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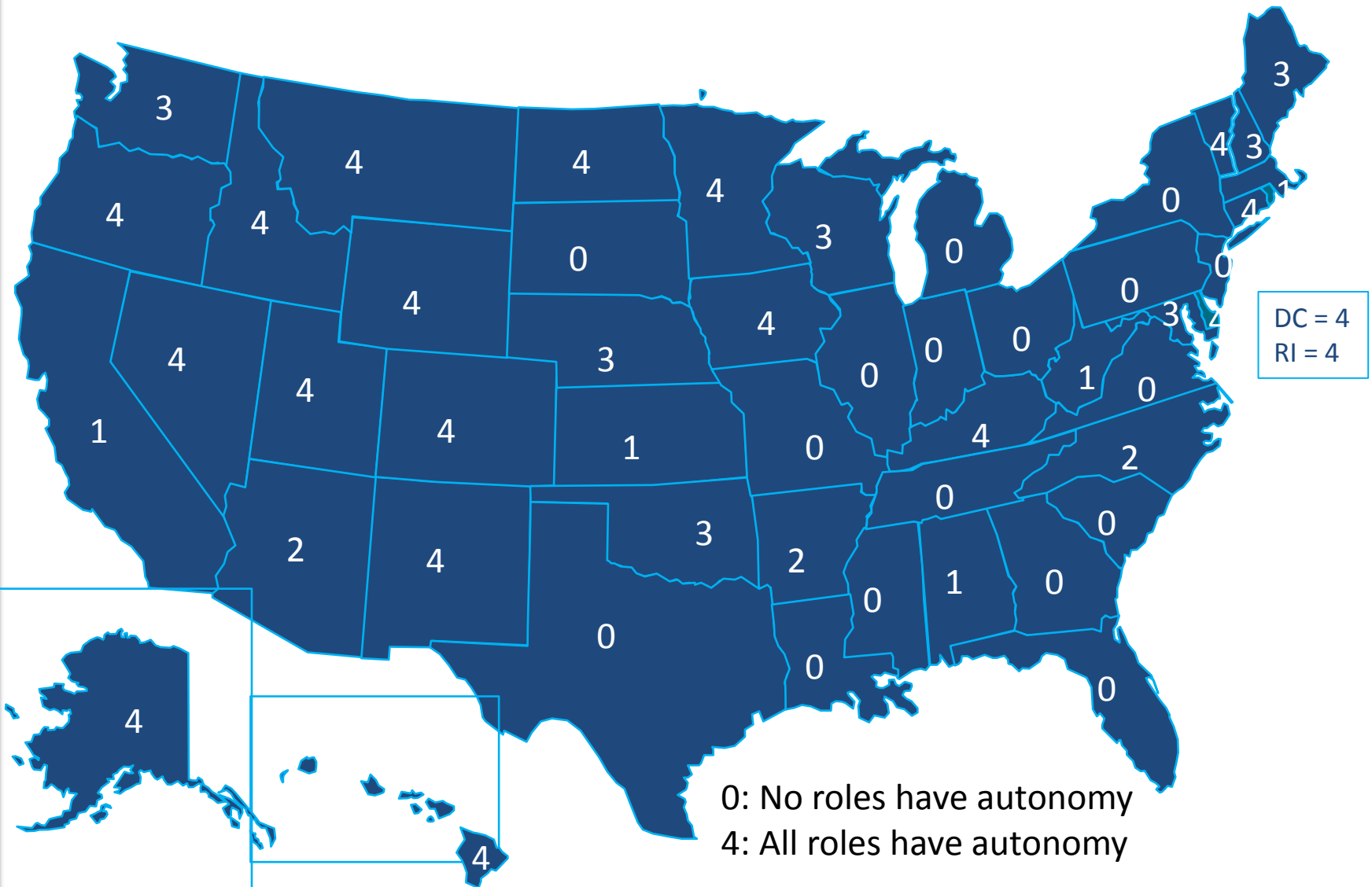
# Recognition of one of the APRN roles is needed:

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# Autonomy in practice for all 4 roles

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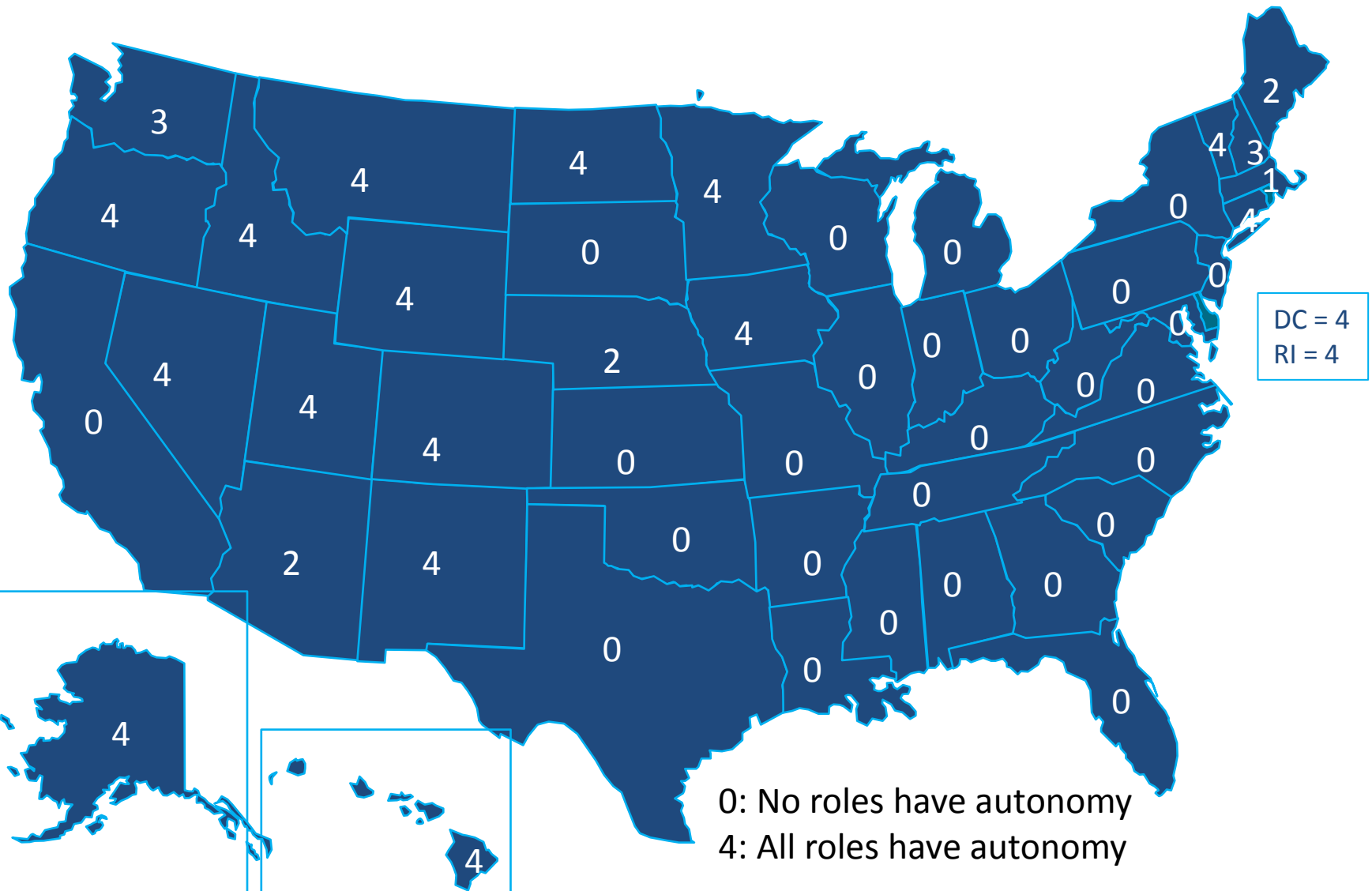


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# Autonomy in prescribing is needed:

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DC = 4  
RI = 4

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# APRN Consensus, what will drive change?

- Telehealth
- Rural versus Urban Markets
- Reimbursement
- Medical Homes
- Physicians

- The Triple Aim
- Patient preference and demand
- Self Care
- Community Care
- Innovations



*“Comparable Outcomes”*

*“Access to Care”*

*“Evidence Based”*

*“Common Core Preparation”*

*“Safe Prescribing within Scope”*

*“More Education”*

*“Required Collaboration”*

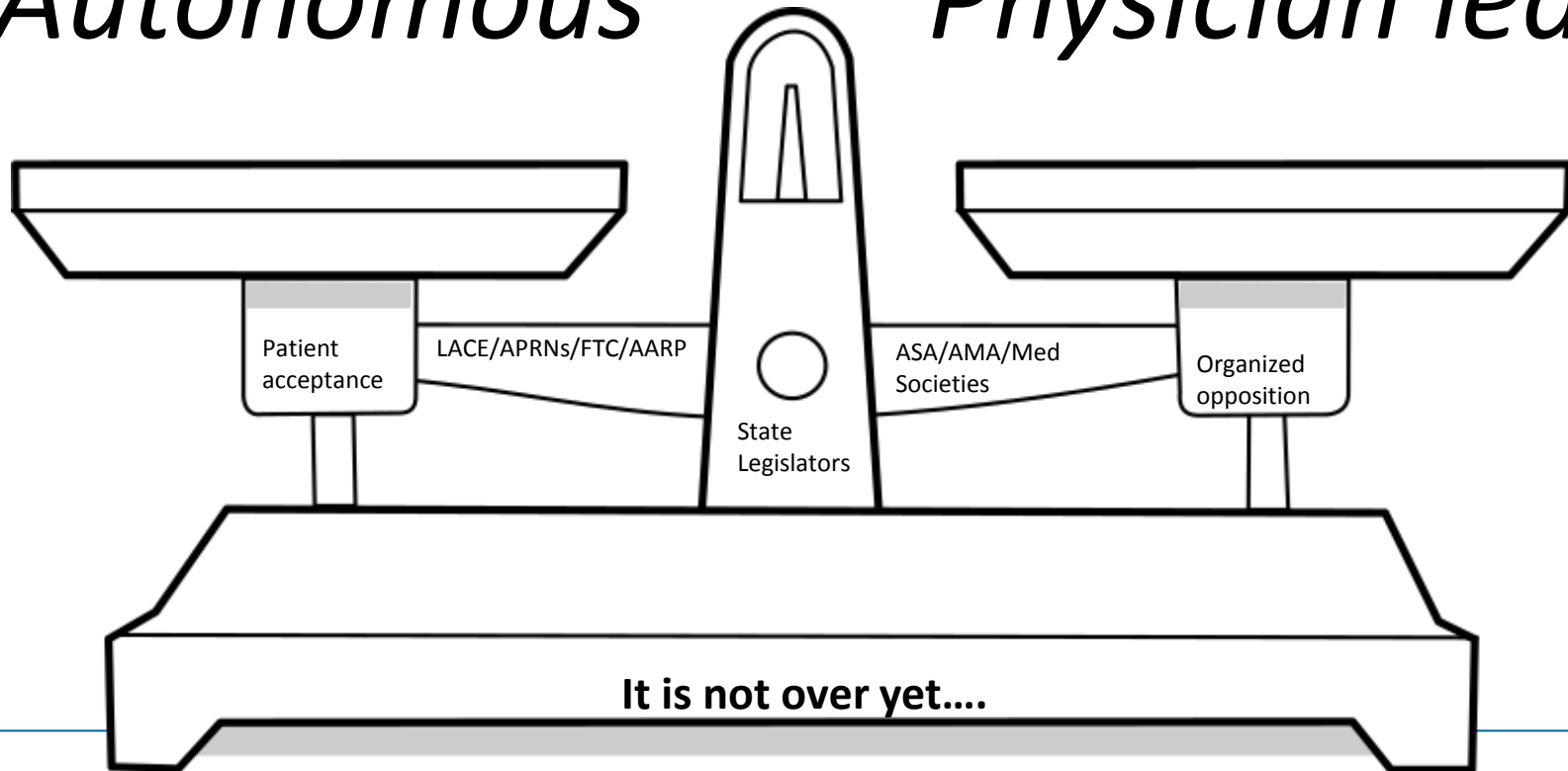
*“Unsafe prescribing”*

*“Outside of scope”*

*“Telemedicine”*

## *Autonomous*

## *Physician led*



# All APRN Role Certification Exams and Programs are Accredited



- All testing is based on the APRN role and population and measures entry level knowledge and skills
- Exams are based on role competencies and current practice in the APRN role and population
- Role studies are conducted every 3-5 years
- Subject matter experts develop test questions
- Exams must be psychometrically sound and legally defensible.

ICE created the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) in 1987. The [NCCA's Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs](#) were the first standards developed by the credentialing industry for professional certification programs. The NCCA Standards were developed to help ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public. They highlight the essential elements of a high-quality program.



# APRN Educational Preparation

APRN CORE EDUCATION – all education programs are accredited and follow a common preparation to **all roles**

**Registered Nursing Base**

**Masters or Doctoral Essentials Curriculum**

Advanced courses in:

pharmacology (preparing to prescribe)

assessment, and physiology (preparing to diagnose and treat)

Role Preparation – specific role preparation and clinical hours, curriculum based

**Nurse Practitioner**

- Acute Care
- Primary Care

**Clinical Nurse Specialist**

**Certified Nurse Midwife**

**Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist**

Populations – specific preparation in one or more populations

**Family Across the Lifespan**

**Women's Health and Gender Specific**

**Pediatric**

**Neonatal**

**Psychiatric Mental Health**

**Adult and Gerontology**



*Certified  
Registered  
Nurse  
Anesthetist*



*Certified Nurse  
Practitioner*

*Certified Nurse  
Midwife*



*Clinical Nurse  
Specialist*

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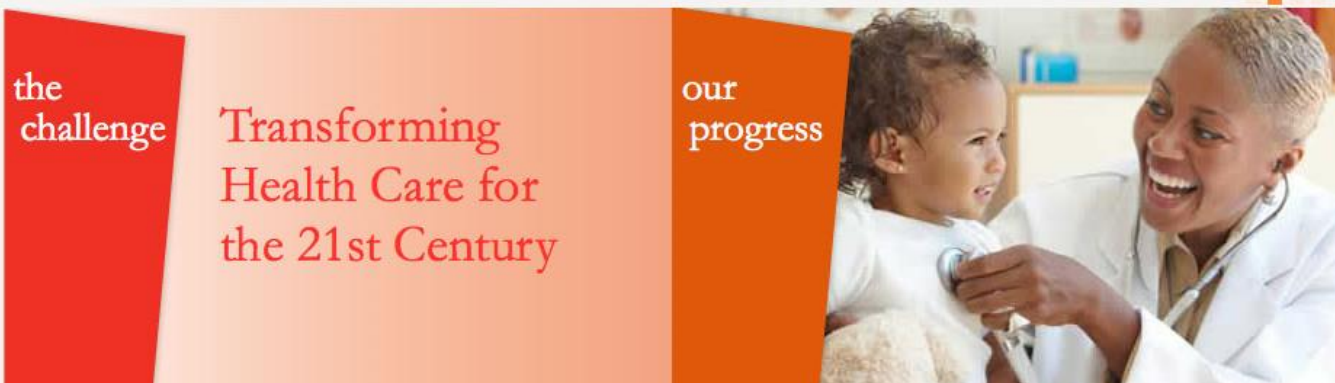
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A banner with a light orange background. On the left, a red vertical bar contains the text 'the challenge'. In the center, the text 'Transforming Health Care for the 21st Century' is written in a red serif font. On the right, an orange vertical bar contains the text 'our progress'. To the right of the text is a photograph of a smiling nurse in a white coat using a stethoscope on a young child.

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