



The Certified Professional Midwife (CPM): A national certification you can trust

CPM licensure assures citizens and state governments of competency for professional home birth midwives.

All Certified Professional Midwives must...

- prove extensive didactic achievement in a required educational curriculum covering over 750 topics
- document a large number of verified, supervised clinical experiences in an out-of-hospital setting, equivalent to 1350 hours of supervision. The average length of clinical training is 3-5 years.
- pass a rigorous, legally defensible 8-hour written Board Examination
- pass a hands-on skills assessment with a qualified examiner
- prove continuing education to maintain certification
- participate in regular peer review to remain certified
- hold a valid certification in adult and infant/neonatal resuscitation
- utilize an informed consent document with all clients
- develop and maintain practice guidelines and an emergency care plan

The Certified Professional Midwife credential is administered by the North American Registry of Midwives, which is in turn accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). NCCA is the leading authority on accreditation and accredits the credentialing organizations of over 150 healthcare professions including Podiatrists, Nurse-Practitioners, Certified Nurse-Midwives and Nurse Anesthetists.

CPMs are licensed to practice in 25 states. No state has ever repealed a law licensing CPMs. The CPM is the only certification that requires knowledge and skills for out-of-hospital birth. (See <http://www.narm.org> for more information.)

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