

Certified Professional Midwife Education Requirements

All Certified Professional Midwives (CPMs) must verify their education, training, and supervised experience through a route approved by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM). These requirements may be met by:

1. graduation from a school accredited by the Midwifery Educational Accreditation Council (MEAC),
2. by completion of a state licensure process evaluated as equivalent by NARM, or
3. by documentation of the same eligibility requirements through the Portfolio Evaluation Process (PEP).

After meeting these requirements, the candidates are approved to sit for NARM's 8-hour written exam.

All students, regardless of route of education, are required to demonstrate the same core curriculum. Knowledge may be obtained and verified in several ways, such as distance learning programs, classroom lectures, and preceptor training, all of which include verification from outside sources. In addition to the didactic education, all students must complete a clinical practicum under the direct supervision of a NARM approved preceptor equivalent to at least 1350 clinical contact hours.

A student who verifies the didactic and clinical experience through a MEAC-accredited school or a state licensure program may submit the appropriate documentation and qualify to take the NARM written examination.

A student who graduates from other approved schools or programs of study must verify competency through the Portfolio Evaluation Process. Preceptors must verify that the student has demonstrated competency on 780 skills and all required clinical competencies on the 120 page application form. The notarized application is sent to NARM and evaluated. Once the application has been approved, the student is required to pass the NARM Skills Assessment – a hands-on examination administered by a NARM approved evaluator. Upon meeting all PEP requirements the student is eligible to sit for the NARM written exam.

A student who passes the written exam will be awarded their Certified Professional Midwife Certification. CPMs are required to meet recertification requirements every 3 years including: 5 hours of Peer Review & 25 hours of accredited Continuing Education. CPMs must also maintain certification in neonatal resuscitation and adult CPR.

See Candidate Information Bulletin for a complete list of requirements and topics of study:

<http://narm.org/pdf/cib.pdf>

CPM Application Packet: <http://narm.org/appentrylevel.htm>



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