



POSITION STATEMENT

Qualifications for Expert Witness in Midwifery

An expert witness in midwifery reviews healthcare records and legal documents related to a negligence claim and testifies under oath about midwifery practice. The American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) suggests the following qualifications for an expert witness in midwifery:

- Graduation from an educational program accredited by the ACNM Division of Accreditation
- Current certification from ACNM or the American Midwifery Certification Board
- A minimum of 5 years of midwifery practice experience
- Participation in the Continuing Competency Assessment Program or the Certificate Maintenance Program
- Current licensure to practice midwifery
- Practice experience in the specific area of midwifery relevant to the claim
- Review and testimony based on evidence-based practice
- Use of ACNM Definition of Midwifery Practice, Core Competencies for Midwifery Practice, Standards of Practice, and related documents

Note. Midwifery as used throughout this document refers to the education and practice of certified nurse-midwives (CNMs) and certified midwives (CMs) who have been certified by the American College of Nurse-Midwives or the American Midwifery Certification Board, Inc. (AMCB), formerly the American College of Nurse-Midwives Certification Council, Inc. (ACC).

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