



FAST FACTS ABOUT CERTIFIED MIDWIVES (CMs)

Did you know... ?

- 10% of midwives in New York State are Certified Midwives (CMs)
- Certified Midwives (CMs) are IDENTICAL to Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs):
 - Same accredited midwifery education
 - Same national midwifery certification
 - Same New York State midwifery license
 - Same scope of practice including gyn care & Rx authority
- All CMs have science and social science preparation. Many come to midwifery from other healthcare professions including:
 - Doula / Childbirth educator / Lactation Consultant
 - Physician Assistant
 - Public health worker
 - Nutritionist
 - Massage therapist

Hear it from employers:

“I have had CMs on my staff in the past and did not feel that they were any less prepared than a CNM nor did they need any extra orientation. I would gladly hire a qualified candidate.”

- Susan Papera, CNM, Director of Midwifery, North Central Bronx Hospital, Bronx, NY

“In our practice we have 8 full time midwives and now 4 per diem midwives. One full time midwife and one per diem midwife are CMs. Our CMs practice just as safely and efficiently and competently as our CNMs. CMs do NOT require any more training or orientation than CNMs.”

– Lauren Abrams, CNM, Director of Midwifery, Mt. Sinai East Hospital, NYC, NY

“We have a robust orientation period that has been successful in getting all new appointees, CMs and CNMs, both new graduates and those with experience, on board and ready to be contributing members of the team. Each midwife on this team, CMs and CNMs, brings her own unique interests, perspectives and abilities to the table which I feel has contributed to our overall success as a practice.” – Christina Kocis, CNM, DNP, Division Director of Midwifery, Stoney Brook University Hospital, Long Island, NY

When hiring a midwife, look for EDUCATION and EXPERIENCE, not credential!

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