

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN ARIZONA

Nurse-Midwifery in Arizona

- The first nurse-midwifery practice in Arizona was established at the Phoenix Memorial Hospital in July, 1972. Shortly thereafter, this practice was followed by the establishment of a service at Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix.
- Arizona Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) practice in a variety of settings including private, county and government hospitals, public health departments, HMOs, family planning clinics, birth centers, and private practices.

Statistics

- There are currently 209 actively practicing CNMs in Arizona.
- There are 52 nurse-midwifery practices located throughout the state.
- In 2004, Arizona CNMs attended the births of 6,095 babies. This accounts for 8.5% of births in the state for that year.

Education

- There are currently 43 accredited education programs in the United States offering post-baccalaureate certificate and master's degree programs in nurse-midwifery and midwifery. A number of these programs have distance learning education options.
- Although there are no programs in Arizona, there are graduate programs in nurse-midwifery in the neighboring states of New Mexico, Utah, and California.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- Nurse-midwifery practice in the state of Arizona is regulated by the Board of Nursing under the Nurse Practice Act.
- Third-party reimbursement is mandated in Arizona.
- Arizona CNMs have had prescriptive authority for over 10 years.

This information was provided by the midwives of Arizona.

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