

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN COLORADO

Nurse-Midwifery in Colorado

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in Colorado since 1977.
- Colorado CNMs practice in a wide variety of settings including hospitals, physician practices, health maintenance organizations, and as faculty in nurse-midwifery education programs.

Statistics

- There are approximately 300 CNMs practicing in Colorado.
- There are currently 148 nurse-midwifery practice sites located in Colorado.
- Colorado CNMs attended 6,921 births in 2004. That number accounts for 13.3% of the total births in the state for that year.

Education

- There are currently 43 accredited education programs in the United States offering post-baccalaureate certificate and masters degree programs in nurse-midwifery and midwifery. A number of these programs have distance learning education options.
- There is a graduate program in nurse-midwifery at the University of Colorado in Denver.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- Nurse-Midwives are recognized by the state of Colorado as advanced practice nurses (APN). Under a 1994 law, APNs have prescriptive authority.
- Third-party reimbursement for Colorado CNMs is mandated.

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