

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN CONNECTICUT

Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in Connecticut for more than 30 years. The first nurse-midwifery private practice was established in 1975.

Connecticut CNMs practice in a variety of settings including homebirth practice, birth centers, community health centers, private practices, hospitals, and as faculty in nurse-midwifery education programs.

Statistics

- There are 218 CNMs currently residing in Connecticut.
- CNMs practice throughout the state, including in the following metropolitan areas:
 - Bridgeport/Fairfield: 9
 - Bristol: 6
 - Waterbury: 7
 - New Haven: 50
 - Norwalk: 5
 - Norwich/New London: 7
- There are 155 nurse-midwifery practice sites throughout Connecticut.
- CNM practice sites are located throughout the state. A sample of the number of practices in metropolitan areas is as follows:
 - Bridgeport/Fairfield: 8
 - Waterbury: 4
 - New Haven: 14
 - Norwich/New London: 3
- In 2004, Connecticut CNMs attended approximately 4,091 births which is 14% of all births attended in that state for that year.

Education

- There are 43 accredited education programs in the United States offering post-baccalaureate certificates and masters degrees in nurse-midwifery and midwifery. A number of these programs have distance learning education options.
- In Connecticut, there is a graduate program in nurse-midwifery at Yale University. There are also post-baccalaureate certificate and graduate programs in nurse-midwifery and midwifery in New York, New Jersey and Rhode Island.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- CNMs in Connecticut are not required to maintain RN licensure. They are licensed separately.
- CNMs in Connecticut receive mandated third-party reimbursement from indemnity insurance plans.
- Since 1989, Connecticut CNMs have had prescription-writing authority.

To find out more about CNMs in Connecticut, read the article entitled "Survey of Connecticut Nurse-Midwives," Holland ML, Holland ES, *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health*, March 2007, (Vol. 52, Issue 2, Pages 106-115).

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