

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Nurse-Midwifery in the District of Columbia

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in the District of Columbia for 27 years. In 1973, the first nurse-midwifery practices were established by Georgetown University, Group Health Association, and D.C. General Hospital.
- CNMs in the District of Columbia practice in a variety of settings, including hospitals, health maintenance organizations (HMOs), private practices, and not-for-profit clinics.

Statistics

- There are approximately 33 nurse-midwives practicing in the District of Columbia.
- There are currently 33 CNM practice sites in the District of Columbia.
- In 2004, 274 births were attended by CNMs in the District of Columbia which is 5.0% of all births in DC 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 Georgetown University.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- Nurse-midwifery in the District of Columbia is regulated by the Board of Nursing and benefits from a very supportive Clinical Privileges Law.
- The District of Columbia grants prescriptive authority to Certified Nurse-Midwives.
- Third-party reimbursement for CNMs is not mandated in the District of Columbia.

This information was provided by the midwives of the District of Columbia.

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