

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN DELAWARE

Nurse-Midwifery in Delaware

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in Delaware for 18 years. The first nurse-midwifery practice was established in 1982 in Wilmington.
- CNMs in Delaware practice in both private birth centers and hospitals. Most are in full-scope practices, providing care throughout the maternity cycle in addition to well-woman gynecology and family planning services.

Statistics

- There are currently 50 CNMs residing in Delaware; 24 are active.
- There are 12 nurse-midwifery practice sites throughout Delaware.
- In 2004, Delaware CNMs attended approximately 311 births. These deliveries account for approximately 3.9% of the total births in Delaware 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.
- Although there are no programs in Delaware, there are post-baccalaureate certificate and graduate programs in nurse-midwifery in the neighboring states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maryland.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- Nurse-midwifery in Delaware is regulated by the Board of Nursing.
- Third-party reimbursement is mandated for CNMs in Delaware.
- Delaware grants prescriptive authority to CNMs.

This information was provided by the midwives of Delaware.

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