

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN HAWAII

Nurse-Midwifery in Hawaii

- The first nurse-midwifery practice in Hawaii was established in 1978 at Wilcox Memorial Hospital, Lihue, Island of Kauai.
- Hawaii Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) work in a variety of settings including community health clinics, military hospitals, physicians' offices, hospitals, and as faculty at the University of Hawaii and Hawaii Pacific University.

Statistics

- Currently, there are 36 CNMs practicing in the state of Hawaii.
- There are 11 nurse-midwifery practice sites in Hawaii, Oahu, Molokai, Kauai, and the Big Island.*
- In 2004, Hawaii CNMs attended 698 births. This accounted for 5.1% of the state's births 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 Hawaii, there are graduate programs in nurse-midwifery on the Pacific Coast in Washington, Oregon, and California.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- Nurse-midwifery in Hawaii is regulated by the Board of Nursing. To obtain a midwifery license, an applicant must be ACC certified, have a Hawaii RN license, and apply for recognition as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. To renew a license, the CNM must fulfill the continuing education units required by the ACC.
- CNMs are acknowledged as primary care providers in the Hawaii state AHealth Quest@ program.
- CNMs have admitting privileges in most hospitals in Hawaii.
- Master's prepared CNMs were granted prescription writing authority in 1994.
- Third-party reimbursement for CNMs is mandated in Hawaii. CNMs receive Medicaid reimbursement at 75% of physician rates.

This information was provided by the midwives of Hawaii.

*Number may be underestimation given that source only includes ACNM member self-reported info.

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