

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN LOUISIANA

Nurse-Midwifery in Louisiana

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in Louisiana since 1979.
- Louisiana CNMs practice in a variety of settings including hospitals, private practices, and university medical centers.

Statistics

- There are approximately 21 CNMs in Louisiana.
- There are currently at least 6 nurse-midwifery practice sites in Louisiana.
- In 2004, CNMs attended approximately 1,542 births in Louisiana, which is 3.5% of all 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 Louisiana, there are post-baccalaureate and graduate programs in nurse-midwifery in the neighboring state of Texas.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- Nurse-midwifery in Louisiana is regulated by the State Board of Nursing. CNMs wishing to practice in Louisiana must obtain a license as a registered nurse, a master's degree, and present evidence of certification by the ACC to the Board of Nursing.
- Third-party reimbursement is mandated in Louisiana.
- Louisiana grants CNMs limited prescriptive authority.

This information was provided by the midwives in Louisiana.

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