

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN NEVADA

Nurse-Midwifery in Nevada

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in Nevada for 16 years. The first nurse-midwifery practice in the state was established at the Birthplace and Women's Care Center in Las Vegas in 1977.

Statistics

- There are now 23 active CNMs licensed in Nevada.
- There are 14 nurse-midwifery practices in the state.
- In 2004, Nevada CNMs attended 1,872 births, which is 7.6% of all births in Nevada 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 Nevada, there are graduate programs in nurse-midwifery in Utah, Oregon, and California.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- Since 1987, Nevada CNMs have had prescriptive privileges for non-controlled substances only, consistent with approved protocols. Nevada CNMs were approved for controlled substances in 2001.
- Third-party reimbursement is mandated in Nevada.

Las Vegas

- The University of Nevada School of Medicine depends on CNMs to provide services in order for them to maintain their Obstetrical/Gynecological (OB/GYN) residency program.
- The Nevada Rural Health Organization depends upon CNM?s to provide delivery services for underserved women.
- Nellis Air Force Base utilizes CNMs to provide OB/GYN services for their active duty personnel and their wives.
- The Nevada chapter of ACNM is instituting a formal peer review panel to provide consistent, quality care.
- Las Vegas CNMs are licensed and regulated by the State of Nevada, and work in collaboration with an OB/GYN Physician.
- Las Vegas CNMs were included in state malpractice tort reform in 2002.

This information was provided by the midwives of Nevada.

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