

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN NORTH DAKOTA

Nurse-Midwifery in North Dakota

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in North Dakota since 1987. The first nurse-midwifery practice in North Dakota was established at St. Luke's Hospital and Fargo Clinic in September 1987.

Statistics

- There are 9 active CNMs licensed in North Dakota.
- Currently, there are 7 nurse-midwifery practice sites in the state. The practices are located in Fargo and Minot.
- In 2004, North Dakota CNMs attended approximately 265 births. These births account for 4.4% of the 7,757 births in the state 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 North Dakota, there is a graduate program in nurse-midwifery at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- The practice of nurse-midwifery in North Dakota is regulated by the Board of Nursing and governed by the Nurse Practice Act.
- The North Dakota State Health Task Force has recommended the increased use of CNMs and other "mid-level practitioners."
- North Dakota CNMs have had prescription writing privileges since 1991.
- North Dakota CNMs are reimbursed directly, as required by law since 1994.

This information was provided by the midwives of North Dakota.

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