

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN OREGON

Nurse-Midwifery in Oregon

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in Oregon for 25 years. The first nurse-midwifery practice in Oregon was a private practice in Eugene, established by Irene Neilsen, CNM, in 1974.
- CNMs in Oregon practice in a variety of settings including public health departments, university hospitals, private hospitals, home birth services, HMOs, birth centers, private practices, and home health agencies.

Statistics

- There are 211 active CNMs currently living in Oregon.
- There are approximately 111 nurse-midwifery practice sites in Oregon.
- In 2004, Oregon CNMs attended 6,517 births. These deliveries account for approximately 19.6% of the total number of Oregon births during 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.
- There is a graduate program in nurse-midwifery at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- Licensure to practice in Oregon is regulated by the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) and the Nurse Practice Act of Oregon.
- A state law enacted in 1993 allows any Oregon hospital to grant admitting privileges to CNMs licensed by the state.
- CNM prescription writing privileges are granted through the OSBN after completion of an accredited course in pharmacology.
- In Oregon, third-party reimbursement and reimbursement from Medicaid is mandated for CNMs.

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