

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Nurse-Midwifery in South Carolina

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in South Carolina since 1973. The first nurse-midwifery practice was established at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.
- Most CNMs in South Carolina are working with physicians in private practice. Others work in hospitals, the State Health Department, and as faculty at ACNM nurse-midwifery education programs.

Statistics

- There are approximately 94 CNMs currently residing in South Carolina.
- There are 53 nurse-midwifery practice sites in South Carolina. *
- In 2004, South Carolina CNMs attended 2,548 births. These deliveries account for 6.6% of the total 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 Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- Nurse-midwifery practice in South Carolina is regulated by the Board of Nursing.
- South Carolina CNMs obtained prescription writing privileges in June 1992.
- Third-party reimbursement for CNMs is not mandated in South Carolina.

This information was provided by the midwives in South Carolina.

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

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