

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Nurse-Midwifery in South Dakota

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in South Dakota for 24 years. The first nurse-midwifery practice was established at Ellsworth Air Force Base in 1976. State law has recognized CNMs since 1979.
- Most CNMs in South Dakota are in full-scope practices, providing care throughout the maternity cycle in addition to well-woman gynecology and family planning services.

Statistics

- There are approximately 22 CNMs currently residing in South Dakota.
- There are currently 10 CNM practice sites in South Dakota.*
- There are nurse-midwifery practices in Rosebud, Pine Ridge, Sioux Falls, Rapid City, Mobridge, Wessington Springs, and Chamberlain.
- In 2004, South Dakota CNMs attended the births of 735 babies, which is 8.8% of all babies delivered in South Dakota 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 South 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

- CNMs in South Dakota have had prescriptive authority since 1979.
- Third-party reimbursement is mandated in South Dakota.

This information was provided by the midwives of South Dakota.

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

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