

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN VIRGINIA

Nurse-Midwifery in Virginia

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in Virginia since 1976. The first full-scope nurse-midwifery practice in Virginia was the Family Birth Associates established in Arlington in 1978.
- CNMs in Virginia practice in a variety of settings including hospitals, physician practices, homes, health maintenance organizations, public health departments, an air force base, private practices, and two birth centers.

Statistics

- There are currently 226 CNMs licensed in the state of Virginia.
- There are currently 91 nurse-midwifery practice sites in Virginia.
- In 2004, Virginia CNMs attended 6,009 births. This number accounts for 8.4% of the births in Virginia 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.
- There is a graduate program in nurse-midwifery at Shenandoah University in Winchester.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- Virginia CNMs currently have limited prescription writing privileges.
- There is mandated insurance reimbursement for Virginia CNMs.

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