

Midwifery Lifelong Career Engagement

The path to a successful midwife is founded on education, support, and community



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ACCREDITATION

Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME)

With a mission to advance excellence in midwifery education, ACME strives to establish high standards and fair processes for assessing the quality of midwifery education programs. The accreditation process is a voluntary, quality-assurance activity that uses program self-assessment and peer review through preaccreditation and accreditation criteria. For more than three decades, the U.S. Department of Education (USED) has recognized ACME as a national programmatic accrediting agency for the accreditation and pre-accreditation of midwifery education programs. ACME is housed within the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM), and as required by the U.S. Department of Education (USED), is financially and administratively autonomous from the ACNM.

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EDUCATION

Directors of Midwifery Education (DOME)

DOME's commitment to high quality, accessible health care is reflected in their work to advance midwifery education. Through a national network of midwifery education program directors, DOME serves as a forum for the exchange of information, peer support, mentorship, and advisement on issues, policies, and trends pertinent to midwifery education. The group also works with ACNM and others to increase the number of midwifery graduates annually, encourage and support practicing midwives to precept midwifery students, and monitor and respond to policy issues that affect the education of midwives.

<https://portal.midwife.org/education/education-pathway>



CERTIFICATION

American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB)

AMCB advances the health and well-being of women and newborns by serving as the national certifying body for nurse-midwifery and midwifery candidates who have received their graduate-level education in programs accredited by ACME. The Board develops and administers the certification examination for assessment of entry-level competencies for midwives and awards national certification and recertification as a CNM or CM to candidates who have met the specified qualifications. In 1991, in keeping with the professional standard that certification should be separate from the professional organization, the ACC was incorporated as a distinct organization charged with functions related to the midwifery certificate. These functions include initial certification, recertification (Certificate Maintenance Program) and discipline. Formerly known as the ACNM Certification Council (ACC), the organization was renamed in 2005 to differentiate the organization's responsibilities from ACNM, but the two organizations continue to work together to advance midwifery.

<https://www.amcbmidwife.org/>



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/ SUPPORT/ COMMUNITY

The American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM)

For over 60 years, ACNM has served as the professional association representing certified nurse-midwives (CNMs) and certified midwives (CMs) in the United States. ACNM's mission is to support midwives and advance the practice of midwifery in order to achieve optimal health for women throughout their lifespan. ACNM upholds the practice of midwifery by promoting education and research that advances clinical excellence; advocating for the expansion of a diverse midwifery workforce; and lobbying for equitable legislation, regulation, and institutional policies that establish midwifery as the standard of care for women.

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ADVANCEMENT OF MIDWIFERY PROFESSION

The A.C.N.M. Foundation, Inc.

The A.C.N.M. Foundation is ACNM's charitable arm with a mission to promote excellence in health care for women, infants, and families worldwide through the support of midwifery. The Foundation collaborates closely with ACNM by supporting midwifery education, research, practice, and leadership activities that help members advance the provision of high quality maternal, newborn, and well-woman health care services globally. The Foundation provides scholarships and fellowships to midwifery students and postgraduates; supports midwives for various domestic and global projects; sponsors studies, research, and educational meetings; and publishes scientific and educational materials that advance midwifery.

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