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**Midwives and Birth in the United States**

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**Midwifery Education**

- Standards for education and certification in midwifery are identical for CNMs and CMs. The Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME) is the official accrediting body for CNM/CM education programs. There are 40 ACME-accredited midwifery education programs in the United States.
- Approximately 84% of CNMs have a master’s degree. As of 2010, a graduate degree is required for entry to midwifery practice as a CNM/CM.
- 20% of CNM/CMs have doctoral degrees.

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