

The Certified Professional Midwife (CPM)

A national certification you can trust

The CPM process assures state governments of competency for professional home birth midwives and exhibits the following characteristics.

All CPMs must:

- prove extensive didactic achievement in midwifery and related subjects,
- document a large number of verified, supervised clinical experiences in an out-of-hospital setting,
- pass a rigorous, legally defensible and psychometrically sound written exam,
- pass a hands-on skills assessment with a qualified examiner,
- prove continuing education to maintain certification,
- participate in regular peer review to remain certified,
- hold a valid certification in adult and infant/neonatal resuscitation,
- utilize an informed consent document with all clients, and
- develop and maintain practice guidelines and an emergency care plan.

The Certified Professional Midwife credential is administered by the North American Registry of Midwives and is accepted, or required, for licensure in 22 U.S. states. *The CPM is the only certification that requires knowledge and skills for out-of-hospital birth.* (See <http://www.narm.org> for more information.)

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