

Kentucky

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN KENTUCKY

Nurse-Midwifery in Kentucky

- Certified Nurse-Midwives have been practicing in Kentucky for 70 years. The first nurse-midwifery practice in the United States was established in 1925 in Hyden by Mary Breckinridge.
- CNMs in Kentucky practice in a variety of settings including hospitals, private practices with hospital delivery, universities, and homes.

Statistics

- There are 100 CNMs residing/practicing in Kentucky.
- There are currently 48 nurse-midwifery practice sites in Kentucky.
- Nurse-midwifery practices are located in areas throughout the state including Bowling Green, Corbin, Elizabethtown, Ft. Campbell, Ft. Knox, Hyden, Lexington, Manchester, Mayfield, Morehead, Richmond, Shelbyville, and Walker.
- In 2007, Kentucky CNMs attended 2,838 births, which is 4.8% of all births in Kentucky for 2007.

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 post-baccalaureate certificate and a graduate program in nurse-midwifery at Frontier School of Midwifery and Nursing in Hyden as well as graduate programs in the neighboring states of Illinois, Ohio, and Tennessee.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- CNMs in Kentucky practice under the Nurse Practice Act of 1978 as advanced registered nurse practitioners and are regulated by the Board of Nursing.
- Kentucky CNMs have prescriptive authority.
- Kentucky CNMs are reimbursed by private insurance companies and the Medicaid program.

This information was provided by the midwives of Kentucky.

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