

North Carolina

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN NORTH CAROLINA

Nurse-Midwifery in North Carolina

- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs) have been practicing in North Carolina since 1977. The first nurse-midwifery practice in the state was established in a private hospital in Lumberton.
- North Carolina CNMs practice in a variety of locations including hospitals, university medical centers, private practices, birth centers, military hospitals, family planning clinics, and home birth practices.

Statistics

- There are currently 198 CNMs practicing in North Carolina.
- North Carolina CNMs work at 179 different practice sites.
- CNMs practice in cities throughout the state. Some examples of the breakdown are as follows:
Charlotte/Gastonia: 22
Asheville/Hendersonville: 13
Durham/Chapel Hill: 15
Greenville: 12
Greensboro: 10
Hickory: 10
Raleigh: 4
- In 2007, North Carolina CNMs attended 14,051 births, which is 10.7% of all births in North Carolina 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 East Carolina University in Greenville, NC.
- For more information, see <http://www.midwife.org/map.cfm>.

Practice and Reimbursement Issues

- North Carolina CNMs have had prescription writing privileges since 1977.
- North Carolina CNMs receive mandated reimbursement through private insurance and are also paid by Medicaid and CHAMPUS.

This information was provided by the midwives of North Carolina.

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