

# Clinical Experience Requirements for Birth Attendants

	Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) <sup>1</sup>	Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM) <sup>2</sup>	Family Practice Physician <sup>3</sup>
Births as Assistant	20	-	-
Births as Primary Attendant	20	20	40 (at least 30 vaginal)
Out-of-Hospital Births	10	-	-
Births with Continuity of Care	3	-	10
Prenatal Exams	75 (20 initial)	85 (15 initial)	-
Newborn Exams	20	20	-
Postpartum Exams	40	35	-

All clinical requirements for Certified Professional Midwives must be completed under direct supervision of a NARM (North American Registry of Midwives) approved preceptor.<sup>1</sup>

Two family practice residents may be given credit for the same delivery if one of those residents is supervising.<sup>3</sup>

- Both the CPM & CNM credentials are accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) which requires validated, psychometrically sound testing based on third party job analysis .
- CPMs follow the practice standards of the National Association of Certified Professional Midwives (NACPM) which includes the development of collaborative relationships with other healthcare practitioners who can provide care outside the scope of midwifery practice when necessary.
- NACPM standards limit the CPM scope of practice to the primary maternity care of healthy women experiencing normal pregnancies.
- Certified Professional Midwives are the **only** birth attendants specifically trained in homebirths.



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<sup>1</sup>North American Registry of Midwives Position Statement, Educational Requirements to become a Certified Professional Midwife, updated 03/04/04. <http://www.narm.org/htb.htm#generated>

<sup>2</sup>American College of Nurse Midwives Division of Accreditation Criteria for Programmatic Accreditation, Revised November 2006, p 31.

<sup>3</sup>Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education in Family Medicine, Effective 07/01/07, p 24-25.

