

Employment opportunities for certified nurse midwives are excellent and are expected to grow 21%-35% through the end of the decade. Quality prenatal care will continue to be a high priority in the field of obstetrics, and will therefore spur growth in this sector. There will also be a demand for nursing educators and administrators who will be responsible for teaching the next generation of certified nurse midwives.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American College of Nurse-Midwives
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Washington, DC 20006
Phone: (202) 728-9860
Fax: (202) 728-9897
Web: www.midwife.org

American Nurses Association
600 Maryland Avenue, SW, Suite 100 W.
Washington, DC 20024-2571
Phone: (202) 651-7000
Web: www.nursingworld.org

Maternity Center Association
281 Park Avenue South, 5th floor
New York, NY 10128
Phone: (212) 777-5000
Web: www.maternity.org

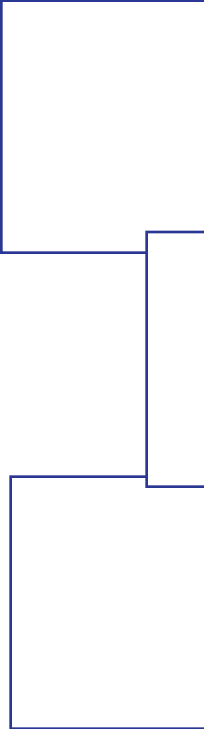


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POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs) provide health care involving emotional and physical support to women before, during, and after childbirth. They are registered nurses with specialized training in assisting pregnant women and their newborn babies. CNMs must complete an accredited program of study and clinical experience in obstetrical care. Certified nurse midwives participate in a variety of services that include providing gynecological services like Pap smears and breast examinations, advising women about reproductive health and personal care, and monitoring the health of the mother and fetus during pregnancy. They also perform complete prenatal care including abdominal and pelvic examinations and evaluations. Another important service that CNMs provide is educating women and their families about childbirth methods, infant care, nutrition, and proper exercise. They work closely with obstetricians and other physicians when medical treatments and medications are necessary. Certified nurse midwives have played a vital role in drastically reducing the maternal and infant death rate in this country. Anyone interested in this field of nursing should enjoy working with people and be able to develop strong interpersonal relationships.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

Certified nurse midwives are employed in hospitals, health maintenance organizations, birthing centers, public health departments, community health centers, and private practice. They may also work in the mother's home during home births if conditions are safe and suitable.

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

Students interested in nurse midwifery should take high school courses in biology, chemistry, algebra, health occupations/medical professions education, psychology, sociology, computer skills, physical education, home economics, English, and history.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Individuals interested in becoming a certified nurse midwife must be a registered nurse before entering a midwifery program. They must then complete an accredited educational program to earn either a certificate or a master's degree. Upon completing the educational requirements, candidates must pass a written examination given by the American College of Nurse Midwives.

Students interested in nurse midwifery should contact schools for information on admission and course of study.

EDUCATION

There are currently several programs available in Midwestern states and the region including:

Certificate Programs
Parkland Memorial Hospital
5201 Harry Hines Blvd.
Dallas, TX 75235
Phone: (214) 596-1111

Master's Degree Programs
Baylor College of Medicine
6550 Fannin Street
Houston, TX 77030
Phone: (713) 798-1111

Emory University
Nell Hodgson Venable School of Nursing
1520 Clifton Road
Atlanta, GA 30307
Phone: (404) 778-1111

Average Annual Salary Range

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, nursing is the second highest paying occupation in the United States. The median salary for a nurse is \$50,000 per year, which is a significant increase over the average salary for all occupations. The average salary for a nurse is especially high in the field of midwifery.