In summary, to become a certified professional midwife, one must complete an accredited midwifery education program (specifically accredited by the American College of Nurse-Midwives Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education for nurse-midwives), meet state training and licensing requirements, and, if receiving certain federal support, may be subject to a service obligation. 42 U.S.C.A. § 296j, 42 U.S.C.A. § 294s, 25 U.S.C.A. § 1616e

Alabama

To become a certified professional midwife (CPM) licensed to practice in Alabama, an individual must meet the following requirements:

1. Age and Legal Status:

• Be at least 21 years of age.

• Be a citizen of the United States or, if not a citizen, be legally present in the United States with appropriate federal documentation. Ala.Code 1975 § 34-19-15, Ala. Admin. Code r. 582-X-2-.05.

2. Education and Credentialing:

• Obtain a certified professional midwife credential through an education program or pathway accredited by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC) or another accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

• Alternatively, if the CPM credential was obtained prior to January 1, 2020, through a non-accredited pathway, the applicant must obtain the Midwifery Bridge Certificate or complete an accredited educational program as described above.

• Applicants licensed in a state that does not require accredited education must also obtain the Midwifery Bridge Certificate or complete an accredited program. Ala.Code 1975 § 34-19-15, Ala. Admin. Code r. 582-X-2-.05.

3. Certification:

• Hold current Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) certification from the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM). Ala. Admin. Code r. 582-X-2-.05, Ala. Admin. Code r. 582-X-1-.03.

4. Professional Liability Insurance:

• Provide proof of current professional liability insurance with coverage of no less than $100,000 per occurrence and $300,000 aggregate. Ala.Code 1975 § 34-19-14, Ala. Admin. Code r. 582-X-2-.05.

5. Application and Fees:

• Submit an application on the form provided by the Alabama State Board of Midwifery (ASBM).

• Pay the required application fee. Ala.Code 1975 § 34-19-15, Ala. Admin. Code r. 582-X-2-.05.

6. Background Check:

• Complete a background check form and pay the applicable fee. Ala. Admin. Code r. 582-X-2-.05.

7. Continuing Education:

• Maintain current CPM certification from NARM, which requires 30 continuing education units (CEUs) over three years. Verification of the CPM credential is deemed proof of continuing education. Ala. Admin. Code r. 582-X-2-.08.

8. Additional Requirements for Practice in Birthing Centers:

• For CPMs practicing in birthing centers, at least one year of documented experience in providing all phases of prenatal, delivery, and postnatal care is required.

• Must be trained and annually certified in adult and infant CPR and possess a Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) certificate or equivalent. Ala. Admin. Code r. 420-5-13-.01.

9. Scope of Practice and Conduct:

• Must comply with the standards of professional conduct, risk assessment, and practice as defined by the Alabama State Board of Midwifery and relevant statutes and regulations. Ala.Code 1975 § 34-19-14, Ala. Admin. Code r. 582-X-3-.03, Ala. Admin. Code r. 582-X-3-.09.

Failure to meet or maintain these requirements may result in denial, suspension, or revocation of licensure. Ala.Code 1975 § 34-19-15, Ala.Code 1975 § 34-19-14.

Citations: Ala.Code 1975 § 34-19-15, Ala.Code 1975 § 34-19-14, Ala. Admin. Code r. 582-X-2-.05, Ala. Admin. Code r. 582-X-1-.03, Ala. Admin. Code r. 582-X-2-.08, Ala. Admin. Code r. 420-5-13-.01, Ala. Admin. Code r. 582-X-3-.03, Ala. Admin. Code r. 582-X-3-.09.

Alaska

To become a certified professional midwife (specifically, a certified direct-entry midwife), the following requirements must be met:

1. Application and Age/Education Requirements:

• Submit a complete and notarized application on a form provided by the department.

• Be at least 18 years of age.

• Provide verification of a high school education or its equivalent.

• Pay the applicable fees established by regulation. 12 AAC 14.110(b)(1)-. 4), 12 AAC 14.120(b)(1)-(2)

2. Certifications:

• Hold current certification in the Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers Program (BLS).

• Hold current certification in neonatal resuscitation from the Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

• Hold current certified professional midwife certification in good standing from the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM). 12 AAC 14.110(b)(5), 12 AAC 14.120(b)(4).

3. Education and Clinical Experience:

• Complete a course of study and supervised clinical experience of at least one year's duration, as required under AS 08.65.050.

• The supervised clinical experience must include:

• 100 prenatal visits (including 20 initial exams)

• 10 labor and delivery observations

• 20 assisted labor managements

• Primary responsibility for 20 labor and deliveries

• 40 newborn examinations

• 50 postpartum examinations of the mother

• Continuous care for at least 15 clients, with specific requirements for prenatal, labor/delivery, newborn, and postpartum care for each client

• At least 10 of the assisted labor managements or primary responsibility deliveries must be completed within the two years immediately preceding the application. 12 AAC 14.210(b)-(d).

• Clinical experience must be supervised by a qualified preceptor as defined by statute and regulation (AS 08.65.090. b), 12 AAC 14.210(a).

4. Examination:

• Pass the North American Registry of Midwives Examination (NARM), with verification sent directly from NARM. 12 AAC 14.120(b)(7), AS § 08.65.060.

• The board may also require passing an examination about Alaska laws applicable to the profession. AS § 08.65.060.

5. Additional Documentation:

• Submit an affidavit verifying compliance with the statutory requirements for education and experience (AS 08.65.050. 3), 12 AAC 14.110(b)(6).

• Submit written evidence of satisfactory completion of the course of study and clinical experience requirements. 12 AAC 14.110(b)(7).

• Provide verification of licensure status from each jurisdiction where the applicant has held a license, with at least one current license in good standing and no unresolved complaints or disciplinary actions. 12 AAC 14.120(b)(5).

• Submit an affidavit documenting participation as primary or assisting midwife for at least 10 births (five as primary) within the 24 months preceding the application. 12 AAC 14.120(b)(9).

6. Continuing Competency:

• Document fulfillment of continuing competency requirements during the two years immediately preceding the application. 12 AAC 14.120(b)(8), 12 AAC 14.420.

7. Board Review:

• All application materials and supporting documents must be received by the division's Juneau office before the board will review the application. 12 AAC 14.110(c), 12 AAC 14.120(c).

8. Additional Requirements:

• The board may require an interview or additional information relating to previous practice. 12 AAC 14.120(e).

• The board may approve equivalent programs for required certifications. 12 AAC 14.110(d), 12 AAC 14.120(d).

9. Certification by Credentials (for applicants licensed in another state):

• Meet the requirements of AS 08.65.050(1)-(4).

• Hold a current license in another state with equivalent licensing requirements.

• Have passed the national examination required in Alaska.

• Not be the subject of unresolved complaints or disciplinary actions, nor have failed the Alaska examination or had a license revoked.

• Submit proof of continued competency and pay required fees. AS § 08.65.070, 12 AAC 14.120.

10. Renewal:

• Certification expires on a date determined by the board and may be renewed every two years upon payment of the required fee, submission of evidence of continuing education, demonstration of continued practical professional competence, and confirmation of no disciplinary actions. AS § 08.65.080, 12 AAC 14.400.

Relevant statutes and regulations: AKSTS08.65.050, AS § 08.65.060, AS § 08.65.070, AS § 08.65.080, AS § 08.65.090, 12 AAC 14.110, 12 AAC 14.120, 12 AAC 14.210, 12 AAC 14.400, 12 AAC 14.420.

Arizona

To become a certified professional midwife in Arizona, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Submit an application in the format provided by the Department, including:

a. Personal information (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, Social Security Number).

b. Disclosure of any felony or misdemeanor convictions, with details if applicable.

c. Agreement to allow the Department to request supplemental information.

d. Attestation that the information provided is true and accurate, with signature and date. A.A.C. R9-16-102.

2. Provide documentation that complies with A.R.S. § 41-1080, which generally relates to lawful presence in the United States. A.A.C. R9-16-102.

3. Provide documentation demonstrating the applicant is 21 years of age or older, if not already demonstrated by other submitted documents. A.A.C. R9-16-102.

4. Submit current documentation of completion of training in:

a. Adult basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) through a course recognized by the American Heart Association.

b. Neonatal resuscitation through a course recognized by the American Academy of Pediatrics or American Heart Association. A.A.C. R9-16-102.

5. Provide documentation of a high school diploma, high school equivalency diploma, associate degree, or higher degree. A.A.C. R9-16-102.

6. Provide documentation of current certification by the North American Registry of Midwives as a Certified Professional Midwife. A.A.C. R9-16-102.

7. Pay a non-refundable application fee of $25, unless eligible for a waiver under A.R.S. § 41-1080.01. A.A.C. R9-16-102.

8. Pay a non-refundable testing fee of $100 for a jurisprudence test administered by the Department. A.A.C. R9-16-102.

9. Pass the jurisprudence test with a score of 80% or higher. The applicant may retake the test as many times as desired within 180 calendar days without paying an additional fee. A.A.C. R9-16-102.

10. Upon passing the jurisprudence test, submit a licensing fee of $25 (unless eligible for a waiver) and ensure all required documentation is current. A.A.C. R9-16-102.

11. The Department will issue an initial license to practice midwifery within five working days after receiving all required documentation and the licensing fee. A.A.C. R9-16-102.

Additionally, to maintain licensure, a midwife must:

• Maintain current certification as a Certified Professional Midwife by the North American Registry of Midwives.

• Maintain current training in adult basic CPR and neonatal resuscitation.

• Complete at least 20 hours of continuing education during the license term, approved by specified professional organizations. A.A.C. R9-16-104, A.A.C. R9-16-105.

It is also required by statute that no person may act as a midwife without being licensed, except for certain exempted individuals such as physicians, certified nurse-midwives, and students under supervision. A.R.S. § 36-752.

Relevant citations: A.A.C. R9-16-102, A.A.C. R9-16-104, A.A.C. R9-16-105, A.R.S. § 36-752.

Arkansas

To become a Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) in Arkansas, the following requirements must be met:

1. Certification by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM):

• A Certified Professional Midwife is defined as a professional midwifery practitioner who has met the standards for certification set by NARM. Ark. Admin. Code 007.43.1-100, Ark. Admin. Code 007.43.1-200, 17 CAR § 47-101.

2. Application for Licensed Lay Midwife (LLM) Licensure:

• Submit a completed application provided by the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH).

• Attach a passport-style photo taken within 60 days prior to submission.

• Provide proof of being at least 21 years of age (e.g., birth certificate, passport, driver's license, or other state/federal ID).

• Submit documentation of a high school diploma or its equivalent, and the highest degree attained after high school.

• Provide documentation of current NARM CPM certification, or certification by the American Midwifery Certification Board as a Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM) or Certified Midwife (CM), or a certification deemed equivalent and approved by ADH. This may be a verification letter directly from the credentialing body

or a notarized copy of the credential. Ark. Admin. Code 007.43.1-200, ARADC007.43.1-201, Ark. Admin. Code 007.43.1 App. A.

• If applicable, provide documentation of holding a Midwifery Bridge Certificate (MBC) issued by NARM.

3. Examination:

• Upon satisfactory review of the application, the applicant must take the Arkansas Rules Examination administered by ADH. A score of 80% or higher is required to be issued a license. Applicants may retest if the score is below 80%. ARADC007.43.1-201, Ark. Admin. Code 007.43.1 App. A.

4. Additional Requirements:

• List all current professional health-related licensure, including those from other jurisdictions.

• Maintain current credentials at all times, including CPM, CPR, and neonatal resuscitation certifications. Documentation must be provided upon request. Ark. Admin. Code 007.43.1-200, Ark. Admin. Code 007.43.1 App. A.

• If the name on the application differs from supporting documentation, submit proof of name change.

5. Criminal Background:

• An individual is not eligible for licensure if they have pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found guilty of, certain offenses unless the conviction was lawfully sealed, pardoned, or expunged. ADH may grant a waiver in certain circumstances (ARADC007.43.1-201).

6. Apprenticeship (for those entering through apprenticeship):

• Apprentices must complete a Preceptor-Apprentice Agreement with a qualified preceptor.

• Apprentices must demonstrate competency in clinical skills, including attending a minimum of 20 births as an active participant and an additional 20 births as primary midwife under supervision (at least 10 out-of-hospital, and at least 3 with full continuity of care), 75 prenatal exams (20 initial), 20 newborn exams, and 40 postpartum exams.

• Apprentices must hold current CPR and neonatal resuscitation certifications (hands-on courses only).

• Upon completion of apprenticeship requirements, the apprentice is eligible to sit for the NARM exam and, upon passing, the Arkansas Rules Examination. Ark. Admin. Code 007.43.1 App. B, 17ARADCS47APPB.

7. Renewal:

• LLMs seeking renewal must maintain current CPM, CNM, or CM certification, or, if continuously licensed prior to the effective date of the rules and never certified as a CPM, must show documentation of continuing education units (CEUs) and complete the renewal application process. Ark. Admin. Code 007.43.1-200, Ark. Admin. Code 007.43.1 App. A.

8. Reciprocity and Military Applicants:

• Reciprocal licensure is available for those holding substantially equivalent licensure in another U.S. jurisdiction.

• Uniformed service members, veterans, and their spouses may be eligible for automatic licensure or credit toward initial licensure based on relevant education, training, or credentials. Ark. Admin. Code 007.43.1-200.

In summary, to become a Certified Professional Midwife in Arkansas, one must obtain NARM CPM certification, meet the application and documentation requirements set by the Arkansas Department of Health, pass the Arkansas Rules Examination, and maintain current credentials and certifications. Ark. Admin. Code 007.43.1-100, Ark. Admin. Code 007.43.1-200, ARADC007.43.1-201, Ark. Admin. Code 007.43.1 App. B, Ark. Admin. Code 007.43.1 App. A, 17 CAR § 47-101, 17ARADCS47APPB.

California

To become a certified professional midwife (licensed midwife) in California, the following requirements must be met:

1. Education:

• Successful completion of a three-year postsecondary midwifery education program accredited by an accrediting organization approved by the board. The program must consist of at least 84 semester units or 126 quarter units, with both academic and clinical preparation equivalent, but not identical, to that provided in programs accredited by the American College of Nurse Midwives. The curriculum must cover a wide range of topics, including the art and science of midwifery, communication skills, anatomy and physiology, obstetrics and gynecology, neonatology, pharmacology, nutrition, psychosocial aspects, and more. West's Ann.Cal.Bus. & Prof.Code § 2512.5.

• Alternatively, successful completion of an educational program that the board has determined satisfies the criteria above and current licensure as a midwife by a state with licensing standards equivalent to those adopted by the board is acceptable. West's Ann.Cal.Bus. & Prof.Code § 2512.5.

2. Clinical Experience:

• Completion of a minimum number of clinical experiences, verified by a licensed midwife or certified nurse-midwife, and a physician and surgeon, all current in the knowledge and practice of obstetrics and midwifery. The minimum clinical experiences required are:

1. 20 new antepartum visits

2. 75 return antepartum visits

3. 20 labor management experiences

4. 20 deliveries

5. 40 postpartum visits within the first five days after birth

6. 20 newborn assessments

7. 40 postpartum/family planning/gynecology visits. 16 CCR § 1379.15, West's Ann.Cal.Bus. & Prof.Code § 2513.

3. Credit by Examination:

• Applicants may obtain educational credit by examination for previous midwifery education and clinical experience, subject to specific timeframes for when the experience was obtained. 16 CCR § 1379.15, West's Ann.Cal.Bus. & Prof.Code § 2513.

4. Licensing Examination:

• After completing the educational and clinical requirements, the applicant must successfully complete a comprehensive licensing examination adopted by the board, which is equivalent, but not identical, to the examination given by the American College of Nurse Midwives. West's Ann.Cal.Bus. & Prof.Code § 2512.5, West's Ann.Cal.Bus. & Prof.Code § 2513.

5. Verification and Approval:

• The method used to verify clinical experiences and the proficiency and practical examinations must be approved by the board. West's Ann.Cal.Bus. & Prof.Code § 2513.

6. Additional Requirements:

• The applicant must demonstrate clinical competencies as described in Section 2514 or established by regulation pursuant to Section 2514.5. West's Ann.Cal.Bus. & Prof.Code § 2513.

• Beginning January 1, 2015, new licensees may not substitute clinical experience for formal didactic education. West's Ann.Cal.Bus. & Prof.Code § 2513.

In summary, the requirements to become a certified professional (licensed) midwife in California include completion of an approved midwifery education program, fulfillment of specific clinical experience requirements, passing a comprehensive licensing examination, and verification of competencies and experiences as approved by the board. West's Ann.Cal.Bus. & Prof.Code § 2512.5, West's Ann.Cal.Bus. & Prof.Code § 2513, 16 CCR § 1379.15.

Colorado

To become a certified professional midwife (CPM) or a certified midwife in Colorado, the requirements depend on the specific credential sought. Below are the requirements for both direct-entry midwives (who may hold the CPM credential) and certified midwives (CM), as established by Colorado statutes and regulations:

1. Certified Professional Midwife (Direct-Entry Midwife) Requirements:

a. Education and Examination:

• Graduate from an accredited midwifery educational program approved by the Midwifery Education and Accreditation Council (MEAC) and achieve a passing score on the national North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) Examination; or

• Hold a current CPM credential in good standing from NARM and have passed the NARM examination; or

• Certification under NARM's entry-level Portfolio Evaluation Process (PEP) with a passing score on the NARM examination; or

• Credential review by International Credentialing Associates (ICA) or International Consultants of Delaware (ICD) showing substantially equivalent education and a passing score on the NARM examination; or

• Substantially equivalent education, training, or service gained in military service, as determined by the Director. 4 CCR 739-1:1.2, C.R.S.A. § 12-225-104.

b. Additional Requirements:

• Attain at least 19 years of age.

• Hold at least a high school diploma or equivalent.

• Complete training approved by the Director in specific areas of midwifery care, including labor and delivery, antepartum and postpartum care, aseptic techniques, emergency management, and more.

• Acquire practical experience, including at least 100 prenatal examinations on no fewer than 30 different women and observation of at least 30 births.

• Participate as a birth attendant in at least 30 births, providing care from prenatal through postpartum periods.

• File documentation of current certification in adult and infant CPR by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross. C.R.S.A. § 12-225-104.

• Complete all required policies and protocols as detailed in the NARM Comprehensive Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities Essential for Competent Midwifery Practice Checklist. 4 CCR 739-1:1.25.

c. Registration and Fees:

• Apply for registration with the division, pay the required fee, and comply with renewal and reporting requirements. C.R.S.A. § 12-225-104.

2. Certified Midwife (CM) Requirements:

a. Licensure:

• Meet the qualifications for practice as a certified midwife as specified by the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB) or its successor entity, and be currently licensed by the Colorado State Board of Nursing. C.R.S.A. § 12-255-104.

b. Prescriptive Authority (if sought):

• Obtain and maintain midwife certification in good standing from the AMCB.

• Maintain professional liability insurance as required.

• For full prescriptive authority, complete at least three years of clinical work experience as a certified midwife and 750 hours of mentored prescribing experience with an approved mentor. C.R.S.A. § 12-255-112, 3 CCR 716-1:1.29.

• Apply for provisional prescriptive authority, complete the mentorship, and submit required attestations and documentation. 3 CCR 716-1:1.29.

c. Additional Requirements:

• The Board may require recertification from the AMCB if a previous license was revoked. C.R.S.A. § 12-255-121.

• The Board may deny a license if the applicant does not meet qualifications, has had a license revoked, or has not maintained continued competency. C.R.S.A. § 12-255-121.

Summary:

• For CPMs (direct-entry midwives), the path is through MEAC-accredited education or equivalent, passing the NARM exam, practical experience, and registration with the state.

• For CMs, the path is through AMCB certification and state licensure, with additional requirements for prescriptive authority if desired.

Relevant citations: 4 CCR 739-1:1.2, C.R.S.A. § 12-225-104, 4 CCR 739-1:1.25, C.R.S.A. § 12-255-104, C.R.S.A. § 12-255-112, 3 CCR 716-1:1.29, C.R.S.A. § 12-255-121.

Connecticut

To become a certified professional midwife, the following requirements are specified:

1. Completion of a graduate degree in midwifery.

2. Passing a national certification examination administered by the American Midwifery Certification Board to receive the professional designation of certified midwife.

These requirements are outlined in the statutory definition of "certified midwife". C.G.S.A. § 19a-59l.

It should be noted that the statute also references ongoing study and recommendations regarding the regulation, licensure, or certification of direct entry midwives, which may include certified professional midwives, but does not provide additional specific requirements for certified professional midwives beyond the definition above. C.G.S.A. § 19a-59l.

D.C.

To become a certified professional midwife (CPM) in the District of Columbia, the following requirements and standards apply:

1. Certification Requirement:

• An individual must be licensed in the District to practice certified professional midwifery and must hold a valid certification from the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM). DC ST § 3-1201.01.

2. Practice Guidelines and Standards:

• The practice and regulation of certified professional midwifery must be consistent with the standards of practice and ethical conduct established by the National Association of Certified Professional Midwives and NARM. DC ST § 7-743.09.

• The Board of Medicine, advised by the Advisory Committee on Maternal Care Professionals, develops guidelines for licensing certified professional midwives, which include:

a. Defining expected standards of practice and conduct.

b. Specifying processes for obtaining appropriate screening and testing for clients.

c. Specifying processes for obtaining and administering certain antihemorrhagic agents and other pharmaceutical agents, consistent with the scope of midwifery practice or a prescription.

d. Requiring the provision of a signed informed consent form to each client, detailing the midwife's qualifications, education, emergency plan, insurance status, and the benefits and risks of the chosen birth setting.

e. Requiring, with client consent, reporting of client data to a national data registry.

f. Adopting professional continuing education requirements consistent with those required by NARM for recertification.

g. Establishing requirements for peer review consistent with NARM recertification requirements.

h. Requiring the filing of a birth certificate for each live birth attended. DC ST § 7-743.09.

3. Additional Requirements for Practice in Maternity Centers:

• Certified professional midwives must participate in written practice guidelines at maternity centers, which must be consistent with the Standards of Practice of the National Association of Certified Professional Midwives and District laws and regulations. DC ST § 3-1206.63.

• At least two attendants must be present at every birth, one of whom must be a CPM, certified nurse-midwife, certified midwife, or physician with special training in obstetrics. Both must be certified in adult and neonatal CPR. DC ST § 3-1206.63.

4. Definition:

• A "certified professional midwife" or "CPM" is specifically defined as a person licensed in the District to practice certified professional midwifery who holds a valid certification from the North American Registry of Midwives. DC ST § 3-1201.01.

In summary, to become a certified professional midwife in the District of Columbia, an individual must be licensed in the District and hold a valid NARM certification, comply with practice guidelines and standards set by the Board of Medicine (consistent with national standards), and meet ongoing education and practice requirements as outlined above. DC ST § 3-1201.01, DC ST § 7-743.09, DC ST § 3-1206.63.

Delaware

To become a certified professional midwife (CPM), the following requirements must be met:

1. Possess a valid CPM credential or another valid credential from an accrediting organization as recommended by the Midwifery Advisory Council and approved by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline. For applicants who obtain the CPM credential after December 31, 2019, they must also have completed education accredited by the Midwifery Education and Accreditation Council (MEAC) or another midwifery education accreditation organization as recommended by the Council and approved by the Board, and training and education that meet the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) standards and guidelines as applicable to the scope of licensed midwives. 24 Del.C. § 1799II.

2. Be at least 21 years of age. 24 Del.C. § 1799II.

3. Not have been assessed any administrative penalties regarding the practice of midwifery, including fines, formal reprimands, license suspension or revocation (except for license suspension or revocation for nonpayment of license renewal fee or unlicensed practice penalties assessed prior to the establishment of the Council), and/or probationary limitations. 24 Del.C. § 1799II.

4. Not have been convicted of, or admitted under oath to having committed, a crime substantially related to the practice of midwifery. 24 Del.C. § 1799II.

5. Be a graduate of a high school or its equivalent. 24 Del.C. § 1799II.

6. Meet the minimum educational requirements as required for attainment of the CPM credential, including prepartum, prenatal, intrapartum, and postpartum care of the mother and baby, and risk assessment for the mother and baby during this period. 24 Del.C. § 1799II.

7. Not have a conviction of a felony sexual offense. 24 Del.C. § 1799II.

8. Have completed a course in pharmacology and intravenous therapy recommended by the Council and approved by the Board. 24 Del.C. § 1799II.

9. Submit a certified criminal background check. An applicant may not be certified until the applicant's criminal history reports have been produced. If the applicant's record shows a prior criminal conviction substantially related to the practice of midwifery or a felony sexual offense, the applicant may not be certified unless a waiver is granted by the Council. 24 Del.C. § 1799II.

10. Any termination, revocation, or suspension of a certification from NARM, AMCB, or other midwifery certifying organization, or discipline from the same, must be promptly reported to the Council. 24 Del.C. § 1799II.

11. Licensure must be renewed every 2 years. 24 Del.C. § 1799II.

12. The applicant must complete thirty hours of continuing education acceptable to the Council biennially. Proof of continuing education is satisfied with an attestation by the licensee, and documentation must be retained for at least three years for possible audit. 24 Del. Admin. Code 1795-12.0.

13. The definition of a certified professional midwife is a practitioner who has received certification by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) or its equivalent or successor. 24 Del.C. § 1799FF, 24 Del. Admin. Code 1795-1.0.

The Council may waive certain requirements related to administrative penalties or criminal convictions if it finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that the applicant's education, training, qualifications, and conduct have been sufficient to overcome the deficiency, the applicant is capable of practicing midwifery in a competent and professional manner, granting the waiver will not endanger public health, safety, or welfare, and, for convictions, that granting a waiver would not create an unreasonable risk to public safety. 24 Del.C. § 1799II.

It is unlawful to engage in the practice of midwifery without being licensed under these provisions. 24 Del.C. § 1799II.

In summary, the requirements to become a certified professional midwife include credentialing, education, age, background checks, completion of specific courses, and ongoing continuing education, as detailed above. 24 Del.C. § 1799II, 24 Del.C. § 1799FF, 24 Del. Admin. Code 1795-1.0, 24 Del. Admin. Code 1795-12.0.

Florida

To become a certified professional midwife (licensed midwife) in Florida, the following requirements must be met:

1. Education and Training:

• Completion of an accredited and approved midwifery program that offers a course of study for a minimum of 3 years, incorporating standards, curriculum guidelines, and educational objectives as specified by law and rule. The program must include both classroom and clinical instruction in all aspects

of prenatal, intrapartal, and postpartal care, as well as core competencies established by the American College of Nurse Midwives and the Midwives Alliance of North America. West's F.S.A. § 467.009, Rule 64B24-4.006, F.A.C.

- The program must require clinical training that includes:
  - Care of 50 women in each of the prenatal, intrapartal, and postpartal periods under supervision.
  - Observation of an additional 25 women in the intrapartal period.
  - Neonatal examination of 50 newborns.
  - Performance of 5 vaginal sutures.
  - Training in a variety of clinical settings (homes, birth centers, clinics, offices, hospitals) under the direct supervision of a preceptor. West's F.S.A. § 467.009, Rule 64B24-4.007, F.A.C.

2. Academic Prerequisites:

- Possession of a high school diploma or its equivalent.
- Completion of three college-level credits each in math and English, or demonstration of competencies in communication and computation. West's F.S.A. § 467.009.

3. Licensure Examination:

- Successful completion of a licensure examination as required by the Department of Health. Rule 64B24-2.004, F.A.C.

4. Prelicensure Course:

- Completion of an approved four-month prelicensure course that provides instruction in the laws and rules of Florida and demonstrates competency to practice midwifery. Rule 64B24-2.004, F.A.C., West's F.S.A. § 467.003.

5. Emergency Care Plan:

- Submission of a general emergency care plan that meets the requirements described in section 467.017, Florida Statutes. Rule 64B24-2.004, F.A.C.

6. Age Requirement:

- The applicant must be at least 21 years of age. West's F.S.A. § 467.003.

7. Licensure by Endorsement (for applicants trained in another state or country):

- Foreign-trained applicants must provide documentation of their credentials, certified translations, evidence of eligibility to practice in their country, completion of the prelicensure course, passing the

licensure exam, and a general emergency care plan. Substantial equivalency of education and training must be determined. Rule 64B24-2.004, F.A.C.

• Out-of-state applicants must provide evidence of licensure in another state, completion of the prelicensure course, passing the licensure exam, a general emergency care plan, and documentation showing their education and training are substantially equivalent to Florida requirements. Rule 64B24-2.004, F.A.C.

8. Additional Requirements:

• Applicants must submit an application and pay the appropriate fees as required by the Department of Health. West's F.S.A. § 467.0125.

In summary, the requirements to become a certified professional midwife in Florida include completion of an approved midwifery program with specified clinical and academic components, passing a licensure exam, completion of a prelicensure course, submission of an emergency care plan, meeting age and educational prerequisites, and, for those trained outside Florida, demonstrating substantial equivalency of education and training. West's F.S.A. § 467.009, West's F.S.A. § 467.003, Rule 64B24-2.004, F.A.C., Rule 64B24-4.006, F.A.C., Rule 64B24-4.007, F.A.C.

Georgia

Based on the available statutes and regulations, the requirements to become a certified professional midwife in Georgia are not specifically addressed. However, the regulations and statutes do provide requirements for certified nurse midwives:

1. A certified nurse midwife must be a Registered Nurse currently licensed in the State of Georgia and also certified by the American College of Nurse Midwives. Ga Comp. R. & Regs. 111-8-7-.01.

2. The practice of advanced nursing, including certified nurse midwives, requires meeting educational, practice, and certification requirements as specified by the Georgia Board of Nursing. Ga. Code Ann., § 43-26-3.

There is no information provided regarding requirements for certification as a professional midwife who is not a nurse (i.e., a non-nurse midwife). The statutes and regulations referenced only address certified nurse midwives.

Therefore, if the inquiry is specifically about "certified professional midwife" as distinct from "certified nurse midwife," there are no helpful results in this jurisdiction. If the inquiry is about certified nurse midwives, the requirements are as stated above. Ga. Code Ann., § 43-26-3, Ga Comp. R. & Regs. 111-8-7-.01.

Guam

To become a certified professional midwife (specifically, a Certified Nurse Midwife or CNM) in Guam, the following requirements must be met:

1. Hold a current license to practice nursing in the Territory of Guam. 25 Guam R. & Regs. § 6306, 25 Guam R. & Regs. § 6502.

2. Submit an official transcript showing successful completion of an educational program designed to prepare nurse midwives. The program must be:

A. Approved by the Board, or

B. Approved or recognized by a certifying body approved by the Board. 25 Guam R. & Regs. § 6306.

3. Hold current national or state certification to practice as a nurse midwife. The certifying body for nurse midwives recognized by the Board is the American Midwifery Certification Board. 25 Guam R. & Regs. § 6306, 25 Guam R. & Regs. § 6502.

4. Submit a notarized application, on forms supplied by the Board, substantiating that the applicant meets the requirements of the section and the Nurse Practice Act. 25 Guam R. & Regs. § 6306.

5. Provide notarized documentation of clinical practice, which includes a minimum of 120 patient contacts in the specialty area within the preceding 12 months. 25 Guam R. & Regs. § 6306.

6. Pay the non-refundable fee required by the applicable rules and regulations. 25 Guam R. & Regs. § 6306.

7. Submit a written plan approved by the Board, which must include:

A. An agreement signed by the applicant and the collaborating physician(s)/agency for consultation and periodic review of services, with periodic review during the first year and every six months thereafter.

B. A written protocol for management of patients and referral of cases.

C. A procedure for an alternate collaborating physician. 25 Guam R. & Regs. § 6306.

Additional requirements and provisions include:

• If the written agreement with the collaborating physician/agency is terminated, the Board must be notified within three working days, and the certificate is immediately terminated until a new agreement is approved. 25 Guam R. & Regs. § 6306.

• Certification must be renewed biennially, with requirements including a renewal fee, proof of current certification, notarized documentation of at least 180 patient contacts in the preceding 24 months, and evidence of 30 hours of continuing education in the specialty area. 25 Guam R. & Regs. § 6306.

• Temporary certification may be granted under certain conditions, such as pending national or state certification or if practice requirements are not yet met, subject to Board approval and specific limitations. 25 Guam R. & Regs. § 6306.

• Certification is automatically suspended if there is a change or termination in the collaboration agreement, loss of national or state certification, revocation of certification, or failure to practice within the scope for two years or more. 25 Guam R. & Regs. § 6306.

A Certified Nurse Midwife is defined as a registered professional nurse who has completed graduate educational preparation from a nurse-midwifery program, is currently certified by a nationally recognized certifying agent (such as the American Midwifery Certification Board), and is licensed to practice by the Board. 25 Guam R. & Regs. § 6502.

In summary, the requirements are comprehensive and include education, certification, clinical experience, collaboration agreements, and ongoing renewal and practice standards. 25 Guam R. & Regs. § 6306, 25 Guam R. & Regs. § 6502.

Hawaii

To become a certified professional midwife, the following requirements must be met:

1. Submit an application for licensure and pay the required fees.

2. Provide proof of current certification in adult and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) by the American Heart Association, Red Cross, or American Safety and Health Institute Basic Life Support, including a hands-on skill component. Certification must be current at the time of licensure and maintained throughout the license period.

3. Provide proof of current certification in a neonatal resuscitation program of the American Academy of Pediatrics, including a hands-on skills component. Certification must be current at the time of licensure and maintained throughout the license period.

4. If applicable, provide evidence of any licenses held or previously held in other jurisdictions, including the status of the license and documentation of any disciplinary proceedings.

5. Disclose any conviction of a crime that has not been annulled or expunged.

6. Provide any other information required by the department to investigate the applicant's qualifications for licensure.

7. Meet any additional requirements adopted by the director.

8. Provide evidence of qualifications for licensure as a certified professional midwife, which consists of:

a. Proof of current and valid certification as a certified professional midwife by the North American Registry of Midwives or a successor organization.

b. Proof of successful completion of a formal midwifery education and training program, which may be:

i. A midwifery educational program or pathway accredited by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council, or another nationally recognized accrediting agency approved by the United States Department of Education; or

ii. A midwifery bridge certificate issued by the North American Registry of Midwives, or successor organization. HRS § 457J-2, HRS § 457J-8.

Additionally, to maintain licensure, a certified professional midwife must:

• Provide documentation of successful completion of thirty contact hours of appropriate continuing education related to the practice of midwifery during the prior triennium. The continuing education must be from an accredited college or university or granted by an accrediting organization recognized by the North American Registry of Midwives, with at least six hours including treatment of shock, intravenous therapy, and suturing. HRS § 457J-10.1.

• Maintain current and valid certifications in CPR and neonatal resuscitation. HRS § 457J-12.

Failure to meet or maintain these requirements may result in denial, suspension, or revocation of the license. HRS § 457J-12.

In summary, the requirements to become a certified professional midwife include national certification, completion of an accredited educational program or bridge certificate, current CPR and neonatal resuscitation certifications, compliance with continuing education, and satisfaction of all application and disclosure requirements. HRS § 457J-2, HRS § 457J-8, HRS § 457J-10.1, HRS § 457J-12.

Idaho

To become a certified professional midwife (CPM) in Idaho, the following requirements and standards apply:

1. Certification by NARM:

• A "certified professional midwife" or "CPM" is defined as a person who is certified by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) or any successor organization. I.C. § 54-5502.

2. Licensure by the Board:

• The Idaho State Board of Nursing is responsible for receiving applications, determining qualifications, and providing licenses to applicants who meet the requirements set forth in the chapter. I.C. § 54-5503.

3. Adherence to Standards:

• The Board’s rules and standards must be consistent with the current job description for the profession published by NARM and with standards established by the National Association of Certified Professional Midwives (NACPM) or a successor organization. I.C. § 54-5503.

4. Continuing Education:

• A licensed midwife must complete a minimum of ten (10) continuing education hours per year, either acceptable to NARM for CPM recertification or otherwise approved by the Board. Two of these hours must be in peer review participation. IDAPA 24.26.01.102.

• Peer review sessions must involve at least three licensed midwives or CPMs and include case presentations and review of specific cases involving complications or hospital transfers. IDAPA 24.26.01.102.

5. Practice Standards:

• Licensed midwives must adhere to the Essential Documents of the NACPM, to the extent they are consistent with Idaho law, when providing care. IDAPA 24.26.01.203.

6. Informed Consent and Recordkeeping:

• Before initiating care, a licensed midwife must obtain a signed informed consent agreement from each client, which includes information about the midwife's training, experience, emergency protocols, and other disclosures. I.C. § 54-5510.

7. Scope of Practice and Restrictions:

• The Board establishes scope and practice standards for antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum, and newborn care, including specific conditions under which a midwife may not provide care or must involve a licensed health care provider or facilitate hospital transfer. I.C. § 54-5504, IDAPA 24.26.01.203.

8. No Nursing Degree Required:

• The rules may not require a licensed midwife to have a nursing degree or diploma. I.C. § 54-5504.

In summary, to become a certified professional midwife in Idaho, an individual must be certified by NARM, meet the licensure requirements of the Idaho State Board of Nursing, comply with continuing education and peer review requirements, adhere to professional standards set by NARM and NACPM, and follow the scope of practice and informed consent rules established by Idaho law. I.C. § 54-5502, I.C. § 54-5503, I.C. § 54-5504, I.C. § 54-5510, IDAPA 24.26.01.102, IDAPA 24.26.01.203.

Illinois

To become a certified professional midwife (licensed certified professional midwife) in Illinois, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Age and Application:

• Be at least 21 years of age.

• File an application on forms provided by the Department/Division, accompanied by the required nonrefundable fee. 225 ILCS 64/45, 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1345.15.

2. Education:

• Successfully complete a postsecondary midwifery education program through an institution, program, or pathway accredited by the Midwife Education and Accreditation Council (MEAC), which must

incorporate both academic and clinical practice throughout the curriculum. 225 ILCS 64/45, 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1345.15.

3. Certification:

• Hold a valid certified professional midwife certification granted by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) or its successor organization. 225 ILCS 64/45, 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1345.15.

4. Examination:

• Successfully complete a licensure examination approved by the Department. 225 ILCS 64/45, 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1345.15.

5. Resuscitation Certifications:

• Hold an active cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification. The CPR training must be provided or sponsored by the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, Health and Safety Institute, or a similar organization approved by the Board; by a licensed hospital; by a licensed physician or registered nurse; or by an emergency medical technician employed by a fire or police department. The training must include a hands-on skills component; online-only courses are not acceptable. 225 ILCS 64/45, 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1345.15.

• Hold an active neonatal resuscitation provider status. The neonatal resuscitation provider training must be provided or sponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Canadian Paediatric Society, or a similar organization approved by the Board, and must also include a hands-on skills component. 225 ILCS 64/45, 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1345.15.

6. Alternative Pathway (for experienced NARM-certified midwives):

• In lieu of the MEAC-accredited education requirement, an applicant who has held a valid certified professional midwife certification from NARM for at least 3 years may provide proof of completion of the midwifery bridge certificate granted by NARM, provided the application for licensure is made by October 1, 2025. All other requirements must still be met. 225 ILCS 64/45, 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1345.15.

7. Application Process Timeline:

• Applicants have 3 years from the date of application to complete the application process. If not completed within 3 years, the application is denied, the fee is forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and meet the requirements in effect at the time of reapplication. 225 ILCS 64/45.

Summary of Key Requirements:

• Minimum age: 21 years.

• Application and fee submission.

• Completion of a MEAC-accredited midwifery education program (or, for experienced NARM-certified midwives, completion of the NARM bridge certificate by the specified deadline).

• Valid NARM certification.

• Passing a Department-approved licensure examination.

• Active CPR and neonatal resuscitation provider certifications, both with hands-on components.

Citations: 225 ILCS 64/45, 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1345.15.

Indiana

To become a certified professional midwife (specifically, a certified direct entry midwife) in Indiana, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Age and Education:

• Be at least 21 years old.

• Possess at least an associate degree in nursing, an associate degree in midwifery accredited by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC), another similar science-related associate degree, or a bachelor's degree from a postsecondary educational institution. IC 25-23.4-3-1, 844 IAC 17-1-3.

2. Educational Curriculum:

• Satisfactorily complete an educational curriculum approved by MEAC or its successor, or the educational equivalent of a MEAC curriculum approved by the board. IC 25-23.4-3-1, 844 IAC 17-1-3.

3. Practical Experience:

• Acquire and document practical experience as outlined in the Certified Professional Midwife credentialing process in accordance with the standards of the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) or its successor. IC 25-23.4-3-1, 844 IAC 17-1-3.

4. Certification and Training:

• Obtain certification in adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from an accredited association approved by the board.

• Complete the American Academy of Pediatrics program in neonatal resuscitation (excluding endotracheal intubation and the administration of drugs).

• Complete an emergency skills training course approved by NARM for inclusion in the Midwifery Bridge Certificate Program. 844 IAC 17-1-3.

5. Birth Experience Requirements:

• Comply with the birth requirements of the Certified Professional Midwife credentialing process.

• Observe an additional 20 births, attend 20 births conducted by a physician, assist with 20 additional births, and act as the primary attendant for 20 additional births. These additional births must take place in the United States, and all except the 20 physician-conducted births must be overseen by a preceptor approved by NARM. IC 25-23.4-3-1, 844 IAC 17-1-3.

6. Credentialing:

• Obtain and provide proof of the Certified Professional Midwife credential as administered by NARM or its successor. IC 25-23.4-3-1, IC 25-23.4-2-6, 844 IAC 17-1-3.

7. Application Documentation:

• Submit a notarized or certified copy of the Certified Professional Midwife credentials.

• Submit a certified copy of the original diploma or, if unavailable, alternative documentation as specified.

• Submit an original or certified transcript of postsecondary education.

• Provide legal proof of name change if applicable.

• Submit verification of license status if licensed in another state. 844 IAC 17-1-3.

8. Liability Insurance:

• Maintain a liability insurance policy with at least $100,000 per incident and $300,000 yearly aggregate coverage. IC 25-23.4-3-1, 844 IAC 17-1-3.

9. Additional Board Requirements:

• Present any additional documentation or certifications required by the board. The board may require more training than NARM. IC 25-23.4-3-1.

10. Application and Fees:

• File an application on a form supplied by the board and submit the required fees. 844 IAC 17-1-3.

11. Continuing Education and Renewal:

• To renew certification, complete at least 15 hours of board-approved continuing education annually (including at least 1 hour in pharmacology), maintain the Certified Professional Midwife credential, and maintain sufficient liability insurance. IC 25-23.4-2-6, IC 25-23.4-3-4, 844 IAC 17-1-6.

12. Peer Review:

• Participate in approved peer review sessions at least twice a year and for certain adverse events. 844 IAC 17-1-7.

These requirements are established by statute and regulation and are subject to additional rules or requirements as adopted by the board. IC 25-23.4-3-1, IC 25-23.4-2-6, 844 IAC 17-1-3, 844 IAC 17-1-6, 844 IAC 17-1-7, IC 25-23.4-3-4.

Iowa

To become a certified professional midwife (CPM) in Iowa, an individual must meet the following requirements:

1. Be at least 21 years old. I.C.A. § 148I.2.

2. Submit proof of a high school diploma or its equivalent. I.C.A. § 148I.2, Iowa Admin. Code 481-623.2(148I).

3. Submit proof of current national certification as a certified professional midwife from the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) or its successor organization. I.C.A. § 148I.2, I.C.A. § 148I.1, Iowa Admin. Code 481-623.2(148I).

4. Submit proof of completion of an educational program or pathway accredited by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC), except:

- If certified before July 1, 2024, and certification was obtained other than through a MEAC-accredited program, the applicant must obtain a midwifery bridge certificate from NARM or its successor organization.

- If licensed to practice midwifery for at least two years in a state that does not require a MEAC-accredited program, the applicant must obtain a midwifery bridge certificate from NARM or its successor organization. I.C.A. § 148I.2.

5. Submit a completed application for licensure and pay the application fee as prescribed by the board. I.C.A. § 148I.2, Iowa Admin. Code 481-623.2(148I).

6. Submit a dated certificate of completion of mandatory reporter training. Iowa Admin. Code 481-623.2(148I).

7. Submit a written plan for consultation, collaboration, emergency transfer, and transport of the birthing client and newborn, as required by the board. I.C.A. § 148I.4, Iowa Admin. Code 481-623.2(148I).

8. Submit two completed fingerprint cards and a signed waiver form to facilitate a national criminal history background check. Iowa Admin. Code 481-623.2(148I).

9. If the applicant has a criminal history, provide all documents required by rule 481-617.11(272C). Iowa Admin. Code 481-623.2(148I).

10. The board may request, at the applicant's expense, that the Department of Public Safety perform a criminal history check and the Department of Health and Human Services perform child and dependent adult abuse record checks. If there is a criminal or abuse record, the board will evaluate whether it warrants denial of licensure. I.C.A. § 148I.2.

Additional requirements for maintaining licensure include:

• Renewal of license requires a current NARM certification, fulfillment of continuing education and peer review requirements, and attestation of reporting client data as required. Iowa Admin. Code 481-623.2(148I).

• Compliance with practice standards, reporting, and consultation requirements as set forth by statute and regulation. I.C.A. § 148I.4, Iowa Admin. Code 481-623.3(148I).

There are exceptions to licensure for certain individuals, such as members of specific religious or cultural communities, students under supervision, and other licensed professionals. I.C.A. § 148I.3.

Citations: I.C.A. § 148I.1, I.C.A. § 148I.2, I.C.A. § 148I.3, I.C.A. § 148I.4, Iowa Admin. Code 481-623.2(148I), Iowa Admin. Code 481-623.3(148I)

Kansas

To become a certified professional midwife, an individual must be educated in the discipline of midwifery and must be currently certified by the North American Registry of Midwives. K.A.R. 28-4-1300.

Kentucky

To become a certified professional midwife (specifically, a Licensed Certified Professional Midwife or LCPM) in Kentucky, the following requirements must be met:

1. Education:

• Graduate from a midwifery education program accredited by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC). 201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:600, 201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:620.

• If certified by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) before January 1, 2020, through a non-MEAC-accredited pathway, the applicant must have earned the Midwifery Bridge Certificate issued by NARM. 201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:620.

• If licensed in another state that does not require an accredited education, the applicant must provide evidence of the Midwifery Bridge Certificate and proof of licensure in the other state. 201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:620.

• The applicant must provide a copy of their official transcript. 201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:620.

2. Certification and Competency:

• Pass the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) Examination and be granted certification by NARM. 201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:620.

• Provide evidence of current American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) for health care providers and Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) certifications. 201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:600, 201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:620.

3. Additional Training:

• Complete a pediatric abusive head trauma course as described in KRS 620.020(8) and a domestic violence course as described in KRS 194A.540, providing evidence to the board at the time of application. 201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:620.

4. Criminal Background Check:

• Request a criminal record check by the Kentucky State Police and the FBI within six months of the application date, including any required fees. 201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:620.

• Provide certified or attested copies of court records for any misdemeanor or felony convictions, along with a letter of explanation. 201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:620.

5. Disciplinary Actions:

• Provide a certified copy of any disciplinary action taken on any professional or business license in another jurisdiction and a letter of explanation. 201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:620.

6. Application and Fees:

• Complete the Application for Licensure as a Licensed Professional Midwife and pay the initial licensure fee of $165. 201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:620.

7. Ongoing Requirements:

• For license renewal, provide evidence of current NARM certification, BLS, and NRP certifications. 201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:620.

• For reinstatement of a lapsed license, meet the same requirements as for initial licensure, including background checks and disciplinary action disclosures. 201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:620.

8. Legal and Practice Requirements:

• Only individuals licensed by the board may provide certified professional midwifery services or hold themselves out as a licensed certified professional midwife. KRS § 314.408.

• The definition of a licensed certified professional midwife includes being certified by NARM and issued a license by the board. KRS § 314.400.

9. Training Program Standards:

• The training program must be accredited by MEAC and meet standards for curriculum, faculty, clinical experience, and student policies as detailed in 201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:600.

• Students must have a high school diploma or equivalent to enroll in a training program. 201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:600.

10. Scope and Limitations:

• The board establishes additional requirements for practice, including standards for informed consent, transfer of care, and collaboration with other healthcare providers. KRS § 314.404.

In summary, to become a certified professional midwife in Kentucky, an applicant must complete an accredited education program, obtain NARM certification, meet specific training and competency requirements, pass background checks, and apply for licensure with the Kentucky Board of Nursing, complying with all statutory and regulatory requirements. KRS § 314.400, KRS § 314.404, KRS § 314.408, 201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:600, 201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:610, 201 Ky. Admin. Regs. 20:620.

Louisiana

To become a certified professional midwife (CPM) in Louisiana, the following requirements must be met:

1. Age and Education:

• The applicant must be at least 21 years of age.

• The applicant must have graduated from high school or possess a graduate education diploma (GED). La. Admin Code. tit. 46, Pt XLV, § 2307.

2. Legal Status:

• The applicant must be a citizen of or lawfully authorized to reside and be employed in the United States. La. Admin Code. tit. 46, Pt XLV, § 2307.

3. CPR Certification:

• The applicant must have current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for both adults and newborns. La. Admin Code. tit. 46, Pt XLV, § 2307, LSA-R.S. 37:3245.

4. Basic Sciences Competence:

• The applicant must demonstrate competence in the basic sciences of human anatomy, human physiology, biology, psychology, and nutrition as prescribed by the board. La. Admin Code. tit. 46, Pt XLV, § 2307.

5. Midwifery Education:

• The applicant must complete a course of study in the theory of pregnancy and childbirth as provided by the board. La. Admin Code. tit. 46, Pt XLV, § 2307, LSA-R.S. 37:3245, LSA-R.S. 37:3253.

6. Clinical Experience:

• The applicant must complete practical clinical experience as prescribed by the board, typically within four years prior to the date of application, unless an exception is granted for extenuating circumstances. La. Admin Code. tit. 46, Pt XLV, § 2307, LSA-R.S. 37:3245, LSA-R.S. 37:3253.

7. Examination:

• The applicant must pass a qualifying examination approved by the board, which includes both a written and practical component. The examination administered by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) or another certifying examination approved by the board is accepted. LSA-R.S. 37:3255, La. Admin Code. tit. 46, Pt XLV, § 2307.

8. Recommendations:

• The applicant must submit four written recommendations:

a. One from a physician or certified nurse-midwife,

b. One from a licensed midwife,

c. One from a consumer of midwifery services,

d. One from a member of the community in which the applicant resides. La. Admin Code. tit. 46, Pt XLV, § 2307, LSA-R.S. 37:3245.

9. Application:

• The applicant must submit a completed application for licensure and to take the qualifying examination, along with payment of required fees. LSA-R.S. 37:3245.

10. Certification:

• The applicant must be certified by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) or another certifying organization approved by the board. LSA-R.S. 37:3245, LSA-R.S. 37:3241, La. Admin Code. tit. 46, Pt XLV, § 2307.

Summary of the process:

• Obtain an apprentice permit to gain supervised clinical experience.

• Progress to a senior apprentice permit after meeting certain educational and clinical milestones.

• Complete all educational and clinical requirements.

• Pass the board-approved qualifying examination (including the NARM exam).

• Submit all required documentation, recommendations, and fees.

• Obtain certification from NARM or another approved certifying body.

• Receive licensure from the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.

Relevant statutes and regulations: LSA-R.S. 37:3241, LSA-R.S. 37:3245, LSA-R.S. 37:3253, LSA-R.S. 37:3255, La. Admin Code. tit. 46, Pt XLV, § 2307.

Maine

To become a certified professional midwife, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Submit a completed application in the format prescribed by the board, along with the required fee. 32 M.R.S.A. § 12533.

2. Provide proof of a current and valid national certification as a certified professional midwife from the national registry of midwives. 32 M.R.S.A. § 12533.

3. Provide proof of successful completion of a formal midwifery education and training program, which must be one of the following:

A. An educational program or institution accredited by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council;

B. For applicants certified as a certified professional midwife before January 1, 2020, who completed a program not accredited by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council, a midwifery bridge certificate;

C. For applicants who have maintained authorization to practice as a licensed certified professional midwife in a state that does not require completion of a program accredited by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council, regardless of the date of that authorization, a midwifery bridge certificate. 32 M.R.S.A. § 12533.

Additional requirements and standards include:

• Only individuals may be licensed as certified professional midwives; organizations or other entities are not eligible. 32 M.R.S.A. § 12531.

• A certified professional midwife may not practice without a current and valid certification. 32 M.R.S.A. § 12535.

• Certified professional midwives must practice within the scope and national standards as delineated by the National Association of Certified Professional Midwives. 32 M.R.S.A. § 12535.

• The certified professional midwife is authorized to provide only those health care services for which they are educationally and clinically prepared, and for which competency has been maintained, within the population focus and scope of practice defined by the national certifying body. 02-502 CMR Ch. 6-A, § 3.

• The scope of practice includes, but is not limited to, reproductive health care, maternity care, newborn care, ordering and interpreting medical laboratory tests and ultrasounds, and performing or ordering newborn testing as required or recommended by the Maine Center for Disease Control. 02-502 CMR Ch. 6-A, § 3, 32 M.R.S.A. § 12535.

• Certified professional midwives may possess and administer certain noncontrolled prescription drugs in the course of practice, including oxygen, oxytocin (with restrictions), vitamin K, eye prophylaxis, and local anesthetics for repair of lacerations, as specified by statute. 32 M.R.S.A. § 13811.

In summary, the requirements to become a certified professional midwife are: application and fee, national certification, completion of an approved education and training program (with specific provisions for bridge certificates), and compliance with scope of practice and national standards. 32 M.R.S.A. § 12533, 32 M.R.S.A. § 12531, 32 M.R.S.A. § 12535, 02-502 CMR Ch. 6-A, § 3, 32 M.R.S.A. § 13811.

Maryland

To become a certified professional midwife (CPM) in Maryland, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. General Requirements:

• Submit to a criminal history records check in accordance with S 8-303.

• Be of good moral character.

• Be a high school graduate or have completed equivalent education.

• Be at least 21 years old.

• Hold a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification issued by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.

• Have completed, within the past 2 years, the American Academy of Pediatrics/American Heart Association Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP). MD Code, Health Occupations, § 8-6C-13, COMAR 10.64.01.15.

2. Credentialing and Education:

• Hold a current valid Certified Professional Midwife credential granted by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM).

• Have completed one of the following:

a. A midwifery education program accredited by the Midwifery Education and Accreditation Council (MEAC) or the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME).

b. The NARM Midwifery Bridge Certificate program.

c. If certified by NARM as a CPM on or before January 15, 2017, through a non-MEAC accredited program, the applicant must provide:

i. Verification of completion of NARM-approved clinical requirements.

ii. Evidence of completion, within the past 2 years, of an additional 50 hours of continuing education units approved by the Board and accredited by MEAC, the American College of Nurse Midwives, or the Accrediting Council for Continuing Medical Education. This must include:

• 14 hours of obstetric emergency skills training (such as a Birth Emergency Skills Training (BEST) or Advanced Life Saving in Obstetrics (ALSO) course).

• 36 hours divided among pharmacology, lab interpretation of pregnancy, antepartum complications, intrapartum complications, postpartum complications, and neonatal care. MD Code, Health Occupations, § 8-6C-13, COMAR 10.64.01.15.

These requirements are established by statute and regulation and must be satisfied for licensure as a certified professional midwife in Maryland. MD Code, Health Occupations, § 8-6C-13, COMAR 10.64.01.15.

Massachusetts

To become a certified professional midwife (licensed certified professional midwife) in Massachusetts, the following requirements must be met:

1. Application:

• Submit a written application to the Board of Registration in Midwifery on a form prescribed and furnished by the board, including a sworn statement and information satisfactory to the board to demonstrate the necessary qualifications. M.G.L.A. 112 § 293.

2. Fees:

• Pay an initial license and renewal fee, not to exceed $200 biennially, unless a financial hardship waiver is granted. M.G.L.A. 112 § 293.

3. Qualifications:

• Be of good moral character.

• Be a graduate of a high school or its equivalent.

• Have completed a formal midwifery education and training program as described below.

• Possess a valid certified professional midwife credential from the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM).

• Have satisfactorily completed the examination required by the board. M.G.L.A. 112 § 293.

4. Education and Training:

• Submit proof of successful completion of a formal midwifery education and training program by providing either:

a. A certificate of completion (or equivalent) from an educational program or institution accredited by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC); or

b. A midwifery bridge certificate issued by NARM or a successor credential, provided that:

- The applicant received such bridge certification on or after September 1, 2019, and completed a midwifery education and training program from a non-MEAC-accredited institution; or

- The applicant is licensed as a professional midwife in a state that does not require completion of a MEAC-accredited program. M.G.L.A. 112 § 293.

5. Examination:

- Satisfactorily complete the examination required by the board, which may be a standardized national exam, including the NARM certification exam. M.G.L.A. 112 § 292, M.G.L.A. 112 § 293.

6. Reciprocity:

- The board may license, without examination, a midwife licensed in another state with substantially similar qualifications and standards, upon application and payment of the appropriate fee. M.G.L.A. 112 § 293.

7. Additional Requirements:

- The board may adopt rules and regulations governing the practice of licensed certified professional midwives, including ethical standards, recordkeeping, peer review, informed consent, emergency transport plans, malpractice insurance or bond requirements, and continuing education consistent with NARM standards. M.G.L.A. 112 § 292.

Definitions:

- "Licensed certified professional midwife" means a person registered by the board to practice midwifery in the Commonwealth under section 293. M.G.L.A. 112 § 290.

- "NARM" refers to the North American Registry of Midwives; "MEAC" refers to the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council. M.G.L.A. 112 § 290.

In summary, the requirements include good moral character, high school graduation or equivalent, completion of a qualifying midwifery education program, NARM credential, passing the board examination, and compliance with any additional board regulations. M.G.L.A. 112 § 293, M.G.L.A. 112 § 292, M.G.L.A. 112 § 290.

Michigan

To become a certified professional midwife in Michigan, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Education:

• Complete an educational program or pathway accredited by the Midwifery Education and Accreditation Council (MEAC) or another accrediting organization approved by the board. M.C.L.A. 333.17115, Mich. Admin. Code R 338.17121.

• Alternatively, if the applicant held the credential of certified professional midwife (CPM) before January 1, 2020, and has not completed the educational program described above, the applicant may meet the education requirement by providing evidence of holding a midwifery bridge certificate awarded by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM), or an equivalent credential from another board-approved midwifery credentialing program accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) or another board-approved accrediting organization. M.C.L.A. 333.17115, Mich. Admin. Code R 338.17121.

2. Credential:

• Hold the credential of certified professional midwife from NARM or an equivalent credential from another midwifery credentialing program approved by the board and accredited by the NCCA or another board-approved accrediting organization. M.C.L.A. 333.17115, Mich. Admin. Code R 338.17121.

3. Examination:

• Successfully pass an examination approved by the department, in consultation with the board. The board may accept passing an examination included in the education program if it meets statutory requirements. M.C.L.A. 333.17115, Mich. Admin. Code R 338.17121.

• The board approves and adopts the examination developed and scored by NARM. An applicant may petition the board to evaluate whether another examination meets the requirements. Mich. Admin. Code R 338.17121.

4. Application:

• Submit a completed application and pay the prescribed fee. M.C.L.A. 333.17115, Mich. Admin. Code R 338.17121.

5. Human Trafficking Training:

• Complete the human trafficking training required by regulation. Mich. Admin. Code R 338.17121.

6. Additional Requirements for Licensure by Endorsement (for applicants licensed in another state):

• Submit proof of completion of an accredited educational program as described above.

• Submit proof of holding a current CPM credential from NARM or equivalent.

• Submit proof of passing the NARM examination or another board-approved exam.

• Disclose all licenses, registrations, or certifications in health professions issued by other jurisdictions.

- Satisfy verification requirements showing no pending disciplinary proceedings or sanctions.
- Complete the required human trafficking training. Mich. Admin. Code R 338.17123.

7. Temporary License:

- An individual who holds a CPM credential from a midwifery education program that does not meet the standard education requirements may be granted a nonrenewable temporary license for 24 months, provided they hold a midwifery bridge certificate from NARM or an equivalent credential approved by the board. M.C.L.A. 333.17116.

8. Ongoing Requirements:

- To renew a license, a midwife must maintain the CPM credential from NARM or an equivalent credential approved by the board and complete continuing education requirements, including specific hours in pain and symptom management, cultural awareness, implicit bias training, and pharmacology. Mich. Admin. Code R 338.17141.

These requirements are established by statute and regulation and are subject to additional rules promulgated by the department in consultation with the board. M.C.L.A. 333.17115, Mich. Admin. Code R 338.17121, Mich. Admin. Code R 338.17123, M.C.L.A. 333.17116, Mich. Admin. Code R 338.17141.

Minnesota

To become a certified professional midwife (referred to in Minnesota statutes as a "licensed traditional midwife"), an applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Submit a completed application on forms provided by the board, including all required fees. M.S.A. § 147D.17.

2. Provide personal and professional information, including:

- Name, Social Security number, home and business addresses and phone numbers.
- List of degrees from educational institutions.
- Description of professional training.
- List of registrations, certifications, and licenses held in other jurisdictions.
- Description of any jurisdiction’s refusal to credential the applicant.
- Description of all professional disciplinary actions initiated in any jurisdiction.
- Any history of drug or alcohol abuse, and any misdemeanor or felony conviction. M.S.A. § 147D.17.

3. Submit a diploma from an approved education program or evidence of having completed an apprenticeship. An "approved education program" is one accredited by the Midwifery Education and Accreditation Council (MEAC) or its successor, or a national accrediting organization recommended by the advisory council and approved by the board. M.S.A. § 147D.17, M.S.A. § 147D.01.

4. Submit a verified copy of a valid and current credential as a certified professional midwife, issued by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) or another national organization recommended by the advisory council and approved by the board. M.S.A. § 147D.17.

5. Submit current certification from the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross for adult and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation. M.S.A. § 147D.17.

6. Submit a copy of the applicant’s medical consultation plan. M.S.A. § 147D.17.

7. Provide documentation verifying the following practical experience, obtained through an apprenticeship or other supervisory setting:

- 75 prenatal examinations, including 20 initial examinations.

- Supervised participation in 20 births, 10 of which must be in a home setting.

- Participation as the primary birth attendant under supervision at an additional 20 births, 10 of which must have occurred outside a state licensed health care facility.

- 20 newborn examinations.

- 40 postpartum examinations. M.S.A. § 147D.17.

8. Submit any additional information requested by the board to ensure the applicant is able to practice with reasonable skill and safety. M.S.A. § 147D.17.

9. Sign a statement that the information in the application is true and correct to the best of the applicant’s knowledge and belief. M.S.A. § 147D.17.

10. Sign a waiver authorizing the board to obtain access to the applicant’s records in any state where the applicant has completed an approved education program or practiced traditional midwifery. M.S.A. § 147D.17.

Licensure by reciprocity is available for those credentialed by NARM or another approved national organization and who hold a current and unrestricted credential for the practice of traditional midwifery in another jurisdiction with requirements equivalent to or higher than those in Minnesota. M.S.A. § 147D.17.

Continuing education is required for license renewal: every three years, a licensed traditional midwife must complete at least 30 contact hours of board-approved continuing education, with at least five hours in adult and infant CPR or neonatal advanced life support. M.S.A. § 147D.21.

In summary, the requirements to become a certified professional midwife in Minnesota are detailed in. M.S.A. § 147D.17, M.S.A. § 147D.01, M.S.A. § 147D.21.

Mississippi

The requirements to become a certified professional midwife, as referenced in the available regulation, are as follows:

1. The individual must be an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), which means they must be currently licensed to practice as a registered nurse in Mississippi or under the Nurse Licensure Compact with a multistate licensure privilege to practice in Mississippi.

2. The individual must also hold a current State Certification as a certified nurse midwife (CNM). 30 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2840, R. 1.1.

The regulation does not provide requirements for certification as a professional midwife who is not a nurse midwife (CNM). It specifically addresses certified nurse midwives as a category of APRN. If you are seeking requirements for non-nurse midwife certification, there is no information provided in the available regulation.

For certified nurse midwives, the requirements are:

• Current Mississippi RN license or multistate privilege,

• Current State Certification as a certified nurse midwife (CNM). 30 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2840, R. 1.1.

Missouri

To become a certified professional midwife in Missouri, the requirements are governed by statutes and regulations relating to advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), specifically the certified nurse midwife (CNM) role. The requirements are as follows:

1. Hold a current unencumbered license or current multistate privilege to practice in Missouri as a registered nurse (RN). 20 Mo. Code of State Regulations 2200-4.100(2)(A)1.

2. Complete an advanced nursing education program:

• For programs completed after July 1, 1998, this must be a graduate-level degree from a college or university accredited by a nursing accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and/or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), or an accrediting organization acceptable to the Missouri State Board of Nursing (MSBN).

• The program must provide a minimum of 500 faculty-supervised clinical hours. 20 Mo. Code of State Regulations 2200-4.100(1)(C), 20 Mo. Code of State Regulations 2200-4.100(2)(A)2, 4.

• The transcript must verify completion of three separate graduate-level courses in advanced physiology and pathophysiology, advanced health assessment, and advanced pharmacology (including pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacotherapeutics of all broad categories of agents), as well as the role and population focus area of the education program. 20 Mo. Code of State Regulations 2200-4.100(2)(A)4.

3. Submit a completed APRN licensure application with attestation and the appropriate fee. 20 Mo. Code of State Regulations 2200-4.100(2)(A)3.

4. Provide an official final transcript from the accredited APRN program. 20 Mo. Code of State Regulations 2200-4.100(2)(A)4.

5. Provide verification of national certification as a certified nurse midwife (CNM) by a board-approved national certifying body, such as the American Midwifery Certification Board or another nationally recognized certifying body approved by the board of nursing. V.A.M.S. 335.016(6), 20 Mo. Code of State Regulations 2200-4.100(2)(A)5.

6. Undergo state and federal fingerprint criminal background checks or other biometric criminal background checks as administered through the Missouri State Highway Patrol, completed no earlier than two months prior to the application. 20 Mo. Code of State Regulations 2200-4.100(2)(A)7.

7. Provide evidence of United States citizenship or alien status as specified in 8 U.S.C.A. section 1621 or lawful presence as specified in section 208.009, RSMo. 20 Mo. Code of State Regulations 2200-4.100(2)(A)8.

8. For internationally educated applicants, additional requirements include credentials review and evidence of English-language proficiency, as well as meeting all other APRN licensure criteria. 20 Mo. Code of State Regulations 2200-4.100(2)(C).

9. Renewal of APRN licensure requires maintaining a current unencumbered RN license, providing information related to practice and demographics, and providing primary source evidence of recertification by a certifying body approved by the MSBN. 20 Mo. Code of State Regulations 2200-4.100(5)(A).

A certified nurse midwife is defined as a registered nurse who is currently certified as a nurse midwife by the American Midwifery Certification Board or another nationally recognized certifying body approved by the board of nursing. V.A.M.S. 335.016(6).

In summary, to become a certified professional midwife (certified nurse midwife) in Missouri, one must be a licensed RN, complete an accredited graduate-level nurse midwifery program with required clinical and didactic components, obtain national certification, pass background checks, and meet citizenship or lawful presence requirements. V.A.M.S. 335.016, 20 Mo. Code of State Regulations 2200-4.100.

Montana

To become a certified professional midwife (specifically, a licensed direct-entry midwife), the following requirements must be met:

1. General Eligibility:

- Possess a high school diploma or its equivalent.
- Be of good moral character and at least 21 years of age. MCA 37-27-201.

2. Education:

• Satisfactorily complete educational requirements in pregnancy and natural childbirth, approved by the board. These must include, but are not limited to:

• Care during antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum, and newborn periods.

• Parenting education for prepared childbirth.

• Observation skills, aseptic techniques, management of birth and immediate care, recognition of abnormalities and emergencies, special requirements for home birth, injections, suturing, communicable diseases, assessment skills, and use/administration of authorized drugs. MCA 37-27-201.

3. Practical Experience:

• Acquire practical experience in a home, clinic, or hospital setting (hospital experience does not require hospital training/supervision). Minimum requirements:

• 100 prenatal examinations.

• Observation of 40 births.

• Participation as the primary birth attendant at 25 births (15 with continuous care), evidenced by birth certificates, affidavits, or supervisor records. MCA 37-27-201.

4. Certifications:

• Current certification in adult and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from the American Heart Association or American Red Cross.

• Current certification in neonatal resuscitation from the American Academy of Pediatrics or the American Heart Association. MCA 37-27-201.

5. National Certification:

• Be a NARM (North American Registry of Midwives) Certified Professional Midwife, demonstrated by:

• Graduation from a MEAC (Midwifery Education Accreditation Council)-accredited program, or

• Completion of the NARM Portfolio Evaluation Process, and

• Passing the NARM examination with a scaled score of 75. Mont.Admin.R. 24.111.606.

6. Examination:

• Pass a qualifying written examination prescribed by the board, designed to test knowledge and clinical judgment in midwifery management. An oral interview may also be required. MCA 37-27-203.

• Before taking the examination, the applicant must demonstrate completion of the educational and practical experience requirements. MCA 37-27-203.

7. Additional Provisions:

• Applicants who have completed education but not practical experience may apply for a provisional license. MCA 37-27-201.

• Applicants acquiring practical experience must apply for an apprentice license, provide proof of enrollment in a MEAC-accredited program or NARM Portfolio Evaluation Process, and work under supervision as specified. Mont.Admin.R. 24.111.607.

8. Exemptions:

• Certain exemptions exist for nurse-midwives certified under other statutes or for those who met specific requirements prior to July 1, 1991. MCA 37-27-203.

In summary, the requirements include minimum age and education, completion of board-approved education and practical experience, current CPR and neonatal resuscitation certification, NARM certification, and passing a board examination. MCA 37-27-201, Mont.Admin.R. 24.111.606, MCA 37-27-203, Mont.Admin.R. 24.111.607.

Nebraska

To become a certified professional midwife in Nebraska (referred to as a certified nurse midwife), the following requirements must be met:

1. The applicant must be licensed as a registered nurse under the Nurse Practice Act or have authority to practice as a registered nurse in Nebraska through the Nurse Licensure Compact. Neb.Rev.St. § 38-208.

2. The applicant must be a graduate of, or have completed, a graduate-level advanced practice registered nurse program in the clinical specialty area of certified nurse midwife. This program must be accredited by a national accrediting body. Neb.Rev.St. § 38-208, Neb. Admin. R. & Regs. Tit. 172, Ch. 98, § 002.

3. The applicant must be certified as a certified nurse midwife by an approved certifying body or through an alternative method of competency assessment approved by the board, pursuant to the Certified Nurse Midwifery Practice Act. Neb.Rev.St. § 38-208, Neb. Admin. R. & Regs. Tit. 172, Ch. 98, § 002.

4. The applicant must provide evidence as required by rules and regulations. Neb.Rev.St. § 38-208.

5. The applicant must not have committed acts or omissions that are grounds for disciplinary action in another jurisdiction, or if such acts have been committed, the board must find after investigation that sufficient restitution has been made. Neb.Rev.St. § 38-208.

6. The applicant must comply with any additional requirements established by the board, including those related to practice agreements and supervision. Neb.Rev.St. § 38-613.

7. For license renewal, the applicant must meet continuing competency requirements established by the appropriate board, which may include continuing education, professional certification, and other activities. Specifically, nurse midwives who prescribe controlled substances must complete at least three hours of continuing education biennially regarding prescribing opiates, including education on the prescription drug monitoring program. Neb.Rev.St. § 38-145.

In summary, the requirements include registered nurse licensure, completion of an accredited graduate-level nurse midwifery program, national certification, compliance with board rules, and ongoing competency and education requirements. Neb.Rev.St. § 38-208, Neb.Rev.St. § 38-613, Neb.Rev.St. § 38-145, Neb. Admin. R. & Regs. Tit. 172, Ch. 98, § 002.

Nevada

To become a Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) in Nevada, the following requirements must be met:

1. Certification:

• You must be certified as a Certified Professional Midwife by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM), or its successor organization. N.R.S. 449.198, N.R.S. 442.003, N.R.S. 440.035.

2. Education and Training:

• You must have successfully completed a program of education and training in midwifery that:

a. Is accredited by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC), or its successor organization; and

b. Provides instruction and training in the Essential Competencies for Midwifery Practice prescribed by the International Confederation of Midwives, or its successor organization. N.R.S. 449.198.

3. Documentation:

• To be recognized for certain official purposes (such as access to the Electronic Birth Registry System), you must provide documentation of your certification as a midwife and a current and valid state business registration. Acceptable documentation includes:

a. Certification from the North American Registry of Midwives,

b. A license, certification, registration, permit, or other authorization that grants you the authority to engage in the profession in Nevada,

c. Certification of completion for any other method of midwifery training or apprenticeship or from a school for midwifery approved by the State Registrar. NAC 440.098.

4. Supervised Training (for those training at a freestanding birthing center):

• If you participate in a program of supervised training, it must be supervised by a registered preceptor with NARM, a certified nurse-midwife with at least three years of experience, or a physician licensed in Nevada with at least three years of obstetric practice.

• The training must include instruction in childbirth, community care, family planning, laws and regulations governing midwifery, nutrition, breastfeeding, and clinical midwifery skills.

• The program must require certification in basic life support and successful completion of neonatal resuscitation training. NAC 449.61394.

In summary, the core requirements are certification by NARM, completion of an accredited midwifery education program meeting international standards, and, where applicable, documentation and supervised training as outlined above. N.R.S. 449.198, N.R.S. 442.003, N.R.S. 440.035, NAC 440.098, NAC 449.61394.

New Hampshire

To become a certified professional midwife in New Hampshire, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Education:

• Completion of high school or its equivalent. N.H. Rev. Stat. § 326-D:7.

• Completion of one college-level course in human anatomy and physiology, or passing a college-level equivalency program or credit by exam. N.H. Rev. Stat. § 326-D:7.

2. Intent and Application:

• Express an intent to engage in the active practice of midwifery in New Hampshire. N.H. Rev. Stat. § 326-D:7, N.H. Code Admin. R. Mid 302.03.

• Submit a completed application form, including both publicly available and confidential information as specified by regulation. N.H. Code Admin. R. Mid 302.03.

3. Criminal Background:

• Submit an affidavit disclosing any criminal convictions. The council may deny certification if a conviction directly bears on the applicant's ability to serve as a midwife. N.H. Rev. Stat. § 326-D:7, N.H. Code Admin. R. Mid 302.03.

4. Practical Experience:

• Meet practical experience requirements prescribed by the council, which include specific numbers of prenatal visits, post-partum follow-up exams, attendance at live births as an observer and as a primary birth attendant under supervision, performance of newborn examinations, laceration repairs, postpartum visits, and observation of in-hospital births. N.H. Rev. Stat. § 326-D:7.

5. Technical Skills:

• Present evidence of technical skills as prescribed by the council. N.H. Rev. Stat. § 326-D:7.

6. Examination:

• Present evidence of a passing grade on a certification examination approved by the council. N.H. Rev. Stat. § 326-D:7.

• Pass both a written and an oral examination administered by the council, including questions on New Hampshire laws and rules governing midwives. N.H. Rev. Stat. § 326-D:7.

7. Additional Application Requirements:

• Provide detailed information about education, professional background, prior certifications or licenses, arrangements for medical backup, laboratory testing, newborn screening, and obtaining medications. N.H. Code Admin. R. Mid 302.03.

• Disclose any malpractice claims, disciplinary actions, or health conditions that may impair the ability to practice. N.H. Code Admin. R. Mid 302.03.

• Provide a social security number for child support enforcement purposes. N.H. Code Admin. R. Mid 302.03.

8. Certification Fee:

• Submit a $110 certification fee. N.H. Rev. Stat. § 326-D:6.

9. Certification by Credential:

• A "certified professional midwife (CPM)" is defined as an individual who has met the standards for certification in the practice of midwifery set by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) and who holds such certification. N.H. Code Admin. R. Mid 301.01.

10. Council Rules:

• The council may adopt additional rules regarding qualifications, eligibility, procedures for provisional certification, and recertification. N.H. Rev. Stat. § 326-D:5.

11. Special Provisions:

• Individuals previously certified as lay-midwives or who practiced as midwives prior to July 1, 1999, may be eligible for certification with certain experience requirements waived if they can document at least 50 successful home births. N.H. Rev. Stat. § 326-D:14.

In summary, certification as a professional midwife in New Hampshire requires meeting educational, experiential, and examination standards, submitting a comprehensive application, and complying with

council rules and fee requirements. N.H. Rev. Stat. § 326-D:7, N.H. Rev. Stat. § 326-D:6, N.H. Rev. Stat. § 326-D:5, N.H. Code Admin. R. Mid 302.03, N.H. Code Admin. R. Mid 301.01, N.H. Rev. Stat. § 326-D:14.

New Jersey

To become a certified professional midwife (CPM) in New Jersey, the following requirements apply:

1. Certification Requirement:

• The individual must hold certification from the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) or its successor. N.J.A.C. 13:35-2A.2.

2. Practice Standards:

• Certified professional midwives must conduct their practice pursuant to the standards set forth in the Midwives Alliance of North America Core Competencies (2014), as incorporated by reference in the regulations. N.J.A.C. 13:35-2A.5.

3. Scope of Practice:

• The practice of a certified professional midwife includes the provision of maternity care within a health care system that provides for consultation, referral, and collaboration with a licensed physician, and the administration or dispensing of medications listed in the clinical guidelines. N.J.A.C. 13:35-2A.5.

4. Continuing Education – Bias Training:

• Upon the first biennial license renewal after May 19, 2026, licensees initially licensed prior to November 1, 2021, must attest to completing one credit concerning evidence-based explicit and implicit bias. This credit must meet specific content requirements, including topics such as unconscious bias, barriers to inclusion, effects of exclusion and oppression, cultural identity, effective communication, reproductive justice, power dynamics, disparities in perinatal care, and corrective measures. N.J.A.C. 13:35–2A.7A, N.J.S.A. 45:10-23.

• The bias training may be satisfied by completing a program recognized by NARM for continuing education, or by a hospital or birthing center licensed in New Jersey that provides an explicit and implicit bias training program. N.J.A.C. 13:35–2A.7A.

5. Compliance and Documentation:

• Licensees must maintain a certificate of completion for the bias training for four years and submit it to the Board upon request. The Board may audit compliance with continuing education requirements. N.J.A.C. 13:35–2A.7A.

In summary, to become a certified professional midwife in New Jersey, one must obtain NARM certification, adhere to the Midwives Alliance of North America Core Competencies, practice within a collaborative health care system, and comply with continuing education requirements, including explicit

and implicit bias training. N.J.A.C. 13:35-2A.2, N.J.A.C. 13:35-2A.5, N.J.A.C. 13:35–2A.7A, N.J.S.A. 45:10-23.

New Mexico

To become a certified professional midwife (CPM) in New Mexico, the following requirements must be met:

1. Pathways to Education and Training:

• An individual must pursue one of three pathways: the New Mexico state apprentice process, the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) Portfolio Evaluation Process (PEP), or enrollment in an accredited midwifery school. N.M. Admin. Code 16.11.3.9.

• Applicants must be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma or GED. N.M. Admin. Code 16.11.3.7, N.M. Admin. Code 16.11.3.9.

2. Apprentice Midwife Permit (for the state process):

• Submit proof of high school diploma or GED.

• Complete an agreement with a midwifery instructor (preceptor) on the division's form.

• Submit a completed apprentice application and pay the required fee.

• Upon approval, receive an apprentice midwife permit, student workbook, and relevant regulatory materials. N.M. Admin. Code 16.11.3.9.

3. Education and Clinical Experience:

• Complete a minimum of 24 months of theoretical and clinical education, as detailed in N.M. Admin. Code 16.11.3.12, which includes:

• Theoretical instruction in human life sciences, psycho/social issues, antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum, newborn management, reproductive health care, professional issues, and pharmacological management.

• Clinical experience requirements, including observed and supervised births, prenatal, newborn, and postpartum exams, and continuity of care. N.M. Admin. Code 16.11.3.12.

• Complete and submit the student workbook documenting successful completion of required education and clinical experiences. N.M. Admin. Code 16.11.3.9, N.M. Admin. Code 16.11.3.12.

4. Examination:

• After completing the education and clinical requirements, obtain endorsement from the division to take the division-approved written national examination for certification. N.M. Admin. Code 16.11.3.9.

• Pass the division-approved written national examination for certification. N.M. Admin. Code 16.11.3.10.

5. Licensure Application:

• Submit evidence of a passing score on the division-approved national examination (no more than one year before applying) or proof of CPM certification.

• Submit evidence of a passing score on the division-approved jurisprudence examination.

• Provide evidence of current certification in adult and infant/child cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), competency in IV therapy, and current certification in neonatal resuscitation, all with hands-on skills components.

• Submit a complete application, including licensing and disciplinary history, and pay the required fee. N.M. Admin. Code 16.11.3.10.

6. Additional Requirements:

• Full disclosure of any past professional licensure, suspensions, or revocations is required and will be considered before granting any permit or license. N.M. Admin. Code 16.11.3.9, N.M. Admin. Code 16.11.3.10.

• There is no reciprocity with other jurisdictions; all applicants must meet New Mexico's requirements. N.M. Admin. Code 16.11.3.10.

7. Renewal and Continuing Education:

• Licensed midwives must renew their license every two years, submit evidence of 30 contact hours of continuing education (including at least two hours in pharmacology), maintain current certifications, and participate in peer review. N.M. Admin. Code 16.11.3.10.

A certified professional midwife (CPM) must also hold a New Mexico license to practice midwifery in the state. N.M. Admin. Code 16.11.3.7.

Citations: N.M. Admin. Code 16.11.3.7, N.M. Admin. Code 16.11.3.9, N.M. Admin. Code 16.11.3.10, N.M. Admin. Code 16.11.3.12

New York

To become a certified professional midwife in New York, the following requirements must be met:

1. Licensure Requirements:

• The applicant must fulfill all requirements for licensure as a midwife, which includes completing the necessary education and training. If the applicant has met all requirements except for the examination, they may be eligible for a limited permit to practice under direct supervision. 8 NYCRR 79-5.4.

• The limited permit allows practice only under the direct supervision of a licensed midwife or a licensed physician who is board certified as an obstetrician-gynecologist or who practices obstetrics and has obstetric privileges at a general hospital. 8 NYCRR 79-5.4.

2. Scope of Practice:

• The practice of midwifery includes management of normal pregnancies, childbirth, postpartum care, and primary preventive reproductive health care for essentially healthy women. It also includes newborn evaluation, resuscitation, and referral for infants. McKinney's Education Law § 6951.

• A midwife must have collaborative relationships with a licensed physician (obstetrician-gynecologist or one with obstetric privileges) or a hospital providing obstetric services. Documentation of these collaborative relationships must be maintained and made available to patients. McKinney's Education Law § 6951.

3. Prescriptive Authority:

• To prescribe and administer drugs, immunizing agents, diagnostic tests, and devices, a midwife must obtain a certificate from the department after successfully completing a program that includes a pharmacology component, as established by the commissioner's regulations. McKinney's Education Law § 6951.

4. Certification and Training:

• A licensed midwife attending births must maintain current certification as a Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) provider by the American Academy of Pediatrics. 10 NYCRR 795.6.

• At least two people attending labor, delivery, and postpartum care must be currently certified in NRP, Basic Life Support (BLS), and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), and be able to provide oxygen and maintain airways for the patient and infant. 10 NYCRR 795.6.

5. Application Process:

• An application for a limited permit in midwifery must be submitted on a form provided by the department and accompanied by the statutory fee. 8 NYCRR 79-5.4.

In summary, to become a certified professional midwife in New York, one must complete the required education and training, obtain licensure (or a limited permit under supervision if pending examination), establish collaborative relationships with appropriate medical professionals or institutions, complete pharmacology training for prescriptive authority, and maintain required certifications in neonatal and advanced life support. McKinney's Education Law § 6951, 8 NYCRR 79-5.4, 10 NYCRR 795.6.

North Carolina

To become a certified professional midwife (specifically, a Certified Nurse Midwife) in North Carolina, the following requirements must be met:

1. Complete an application on a form furnished by the joint subcommittee. N.C.G.S.A. § 90-178.5.

2. Submit evidence of certification by the American Midwifery Certification Board or its successor. N.C.G.S.A. § 90-178.5, N.C.G.S.A. § 90-178.2.

3. Submit evidence of a collaborative provider agreement as required by N.C.G.S.A. § 90-178.3(b1) if the applicant has less than 24 months and 4,000 hours of practice as a Certified Nurse Midwife. N.C.G.S.A. § 90-178.5, N.C.G.S.A. § 90-178.3.

4. Pay the required application and approval fee. N.C.G.S.A. § 90-178.5, N.C.G.S.A. § 90-178.4.

5. The applicant must be a nurse licensed and registered under Article 9A of Chapter 90, have completed a midwifery education program accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME) or its successor, and have passed a national certification examination administered by the American Midwifery Certification Board. N.C.G.S.A. § 90-178.2.

6. Certified Nurse Midwives must practice in accordance with the Core Competencies for Basic Midwifery Practice, the Standards for the Practice of Midwifery, the Philosophy of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM), and the Code of Ethics promulgated by the ACNM. N.C.G.S.A. § 90-178.2.

7. For those with less than 24 months and 4,000 hours of practice, a collaborative provider agreement with a collaborating provider is required. If the agreement is terminated before reaching the required experience, the Certified Nurse Midwife has 90 days to enter into a new agreement and may continue to practice during that period. N.C.G.S.A. § 90-178.3.

8. Upon submitting evidence of completing 24 months and 4,000 hours of practice as a Certified Nurse Midwife pursuant to a collaborative provider agreement, a Certified Nurse Midwife is authorized to practice midwifery independently. N.C.G.S.A. § 90-178.5.

Additional administrative requirements, such as annual renewal fees, reinstatement fees, and the form and contents of applications, are established by the joint subcommittee. N.C.G.S.A. § 90-178.4.

Citations: N.C.G.S.A. § 90-178.2, N.C.G.S.A. § 90-178.3, N.C.G.S.A. § 90-178.4, N.C.G.S.A. § 90-178.5, 21 NCAC 33.0101

North Dakota

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Ohio

To become a certified professional midwife, an individual must meet the standards for certification set by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM). A "certified professional midwife" is defined as an independent practitioner who has met these standards. OAC 3701-83-56.

Additionally, no board, commission, or agency may unreasonably restrict entry into the profession by limiting the number of schools or institutions it certifies or accredits for educational or training requirements, or by denying certification or accreditation to schools that meet applicable standards. However, boards and agencies may prescribe and enforce reasonable educational and training requirements and standards for certification and accreditation of schools and institutions to maintain necessary standards of performance in the profession. R.C. § 4743.03.

In summary, the requirements are:

1. Meeting the certification standards set by the North American Registry of Midwives. OAC 3701-83-56.

2. Completing educational or training requirements as prescribed by relevant boards or agencies, provided these requirements are reasonable and not unduly restrictive. R.C. § 4743.03.

Oklahoma

To become a Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) in Oklahoma, the following requirements must be met:

1. Certification:

- The applicant must be certified by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM), the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB), or a successor organization approved by the State Commissioner of Health. 59 Okl.St.Ann. § 3040.6, Okla. Admin. Code 310:395-7-2.

2. Licensure:

- The applicant must apply for and obtain a license from the State Commissioner of Health before practicing as a Certified Professional Midwife in Oklahoma. 59 Okl.St.Ann. § 3040.6.

- The application must be made on a form provided by the Department of Health and accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee of $1,000 and any other information required by the Advisory Committee on Midwifery. 59 Okl.St.Ann. § 3040.6.

- The license is valid for three years from the date of issuance. 59 Okl.St.Ann. § 3040.6.

3. Additional Eligibility Requirements:

- Be at least 18 years of age and have graduated from high school or possess a GED. Okla. Admin. Code 310:395-7-2.

- Be a citizen or lawfully authorized to reside and be employed in the United States. Okla. Admin. Code 310:395-7-2.

- Be currently certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for health care providers by the American Heart Association or equivalent. Okla. Admin. Code 310:395-7-2.

- Be currently certified in neonatal resuscitation by the American Academy of Pediatrics or equivalent. Okla. Admin. Code 310:395-7-2.

• Be currently certified in blood borne pathogen training from the American Red Cross or equivalent. Okla. Admin. Code 310:395-7-2.

• Successfully complete a background check. Okla. Admin. Code 310:395-7-2.

• Provide proof of completion of coursework or a training certificate within the last three years in administration of medicine, including injections and IV administration. Okla. Admin. Code 310:395-7-2.

4. Contractual Requirement for Certain Providers:

• To be an eligible provider for certain state programs, the midwife must have a current contract with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. Okla. Admin. Code 317:30-5-1235.

5. Ongoing Requirements:

• The State Commissioner of Health, with the assistance of the Advisory Committee on Midwifery, may establish additional qualifications, continuing education requirements, and other rules for licensure and practice. 59 Okl.St.Ann. § 3040.4, 59 Okl.St.Ann. § 3040.6.

In summary, to become a Certified Professional Midwife in Oklahoma, an individual must obtain national certification (primarily through NARM), meet specific educational, training, and background requirements, and obtain a state license by applying to the State Commissioner of Health and fulfilling all regulatory requirements. 59 Okl.St.Ann. § 3040.6, Okla. Admin. Code 310:395-7-2, Okla. Admin. Code 317:30-5-1235, 59 Okl.St.Ann. § 3040.4.

Oregon

To become a certified professional midwife (CPM) in Oregon, the following requirements must be met:

1. Hold a current Certified Professional Midwife credential from the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM). O.R.S. § 687.420, OAR 332-015-0030.

2. Successfully complete an examination approved by the State Board of Direct Entry Midwifery. O.R.S. § 687.420.

3. Be currently certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for infants and adults. O.R.S. § 687.420, OAR 332-015-0030.

4. Be currently certified in neonatal resuscitation. OAR 332-015-0030.

5. Submit a written plan for emergency transport for birthing person or newborn. O.R.S. § 687.420, OAR 332-015-0030.

6. Hold a high school diploma, a modified diploma, or have successfully passed a high school equivalency course. O.R.S. § 687.420.

7. Participate in the following clinical experiences:

a. 25 assisted deliveries. O.R.S. § 687.420, OAR 332-015-0030.

b. 25 deliveries as the primary care provider or primary under supervision. O.R.S. § 687.420, OAR 332-015-0030.

c. 100 prenatal care visits. O.R.S. § 687.420, OAR 332-015-0030.

d. 25 newborn examinations. O.R.S. § 687.420, OAR 332-015-0030.

e. 40 postnatal examinations. O.R.S. § 687.420, OAR 332-015-0030.

f. 10 deliveries where continuity of care was provided as an assistant or primary care provider, including four prenatal visits, one newborn examination, and one postpartum exam for each of the 10 deliveries. OAR 332-015-0030.

8. Of the 50 births required (25 as assistant, 25 as primary), at least 25 must have taken place as a community birth, and 10 must have occurred within the two years before the date of application. OAR 332-015-0030.

9. Experience as an assistant, primary, or primary under supervision must be obtained as an Oregon licensed health care practitioner, as a traditional midwife under ORS 687.415(2)(b), as an individual supervised by a licensed direct entry midwife (LDM), or under other lawful means. OAR 332-015-0030.

10. If the applicant received the Initial Legend Drugs and Devices continuing education prior to applying for licensure, it must have been obtained within two years before the date of application. If not, the applicant must attest to having received the continuing education at the time of next renewal and disclose this information to each patient. OAR 332-015-0030.

An applicant must submit a completed application with the required fees and documentation to the Health Licensing Office. If all requirements are met and the applicant is not disqualified under ORS 676.612, a license will be issued. O.R.S. § 687.420, OAR 332-015-0030.

These requirements are established to ensure that certified professional midwives are properly trained, credentialed, and prepared to provide safe and competent care.

Pennsylvania

To become a certified professional midwife (referred to as a "certified midwife" or "nurse-midwife" in the statutes and regulations), the following requirements must be met:

1. Education and Program Completion:

- The applicant must have completed an academic and clinical program of study in midwifery that has been approved by the board or by an accrediting body recognized by the board. 63 P.S. § 422.35a(b), 63 P.S. § 422.35(b).

• The board recognizes accrediting bodies such as the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) and the American Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME). 49 Pa. Code § 18.1.

2. Examination and Certification:

• The applicant must have obtained a passing grade on a midwife examination recognized by the board, such as the certifying examinations of the ACNM or the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB), or their successor organizations. 49 Pa. Code § 18.2(4), 49 Pa. Code § 18.1.

• Alternatively, certification as a midwife by the ACNM before the ACNM certification examination was first administered in 1971 is accepted. 49 Pa. Code § 18.2(4)(ii).

3. Licensure Application:

• The applicant must submit an application for a certified midwife license accompanied by the required fee. 63 P.S. § 422.35a(a), 49 Pa. Code § 18.2(5).

4. Collaborative Agreement:

• A certified midwife must practice pursuant to a collaborative agreement with a physician or physician group. The agreement must identify the categories of drugs the midwife may prescribe or dispense and those requiring referral, consultation, or co-management. 63 P.S. § 422.35a(c)(1), 63 P.S. § 422.35a(c)(2). iii), 63 P.S. § 422.35(c)(1), 63 P.S. § 422.35(c)(2). iii), 49 Pa. Code § 18.6(3), 49 Pa. Code § 18.6(5)

5. Prescriptive Authority (if applicable):

• To prescribe, dispense, order, and administer drugs (including controlled substances), the certified midwife must:

a. Possess a master's degree or its substantial equivalent and national certification. 63 P.S. § 422.35a(c)(2), 63 P.S. § 422.35(c)(2), 49 Pa. Code § 18.6(6).

b. Demonstrate completion of at least 45 hours of coursework specific to advanced pharmacology during midwifery education. 63 P.S. § 422.35a(c)(2). i), 63 P.S. § 422.35(c)(2). i), 49 Pa. Code § 18.6(6)(i)
c. Complete at least 16 hours of advanced pharmacology within 2 years immediately preceding the application for prescriptive authority. 49 Pa. Code § 18.6(6)(ii).

d. Complete at least 2 hours of education in pain management or identification of addiction and 2 hours in opioid prescribing/dispensing practices within 1 year of obtaining the certificate to prescribe. 49 Pa. Code § 18.6(6)(i).

e. Act in accordance with the collaborative agreement regarding prescriptive authority. 63 P.S. § 422.35a(c)(2). iii), 63 P.S. § 422.35(c)(2). iii), 49 Pa. Code § 18.6(6)(iii)

6. Continuing Education:

• As a condition of biennial license renewal, the certified midwife must complete at least 30 hours of continuing education approved by the board in the two years prior to renewal. For those with prescriptive

authority, at least 16 of these hours must be in pharmacology. 63 P.S. § 422.35a(c)(2). ii), 63 P.S. § 422.35(c)(2)(ii)

7. Additional Requirements:

• The applicant must be licensed as a registered nurse in the Commonwealth if seeking a nurse-midwife license. 63 P.S. § 422.35(b), 49 Pa. Code § 18.2(1).

• The applicant must complete at least 3 hours of approved training in child abuse recognition and reporting. 49 Pa. Code § 18.2(2).

• The applicant must satisfy general qualifications for licenses and certificates as set forth by the board. 49 Pa. Code § 18.2(2).

8. Display and Scope of Practice:

• The certified midwife's license must be current and displayed at the place of practice. 28 Pa. Code § 501.71(2).

• Practice must be within the scope of written medical and midwifery protocols. 28 Pa. Code § 501.71(3).

In summary, the requirements include completion of an approved midwifery program, passing a recognized examination, obtaining national certification, submitting an application and fee, entering into a collaborative agreement with a physician or physician group, meeting specific educational and continuing education requirements (especially for prescriptive authority), and, if applicable, holding a registered nurse license. All practice must be in accordance with board regulations and collaborative agreements. 63 P.S. § 422.35a, 63 P.S. § 422.35, 49 Pa. Code § 18.2, 49 Pa. Code § 18.1, 49 Pa. Code § 18.6, 28 Pa. Code § 501.71.

Puerto Rico

The statute requires that every midwife in Puerto Rico must register their name and address in the Office of the keeper of the Register in the district where they reside or have an office. The keeper of the Register will provide the midwife with a copy of the relevant part of the law and any regulations issued by the Secretary of Health. There is no charge for registering or for annual certification to the Secretary of Health. The statute does not specify additional requirements for certification as a professional midwife beyond this registration process. 24 L.P.R.A. § 1191.

Rhode Island

To become a certified professional midwife (CPM) in Rhode Island, the following requirements must be met:

1. Education:

• The applicant must have successfully completed an accredited educational program in midwifery. The program must be accredited by either the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME) or the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC). 216-RICR- 40-05-23.7, 216-RICR- 40-05-23.3.

2. Certification:

• The applicant must hold a current certification as a certified professional midwife by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM). 216-RICR- 40-05-23.3.

3. Examination:

• The applicant must pass an examination administered by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM). 216-RICR- 40-05-23.7.

4. Licensure:

• The applicant must apply for and obtain a license to practice midwifery in Rhode Island. 216-RICR-40-05-23.7, Gen.Laws 1956, § 23-13-9.

5. Endorsement (for applicants licensed in another state or territory):

• If the applicant was licensed as a midwife in another state or territory, they may be issued a license in Rhode Island if they meet the licensure qualifications in place in Rhode Island at the time of licensure in the other state or territory. The applicant must also provide evidence of current licensure and meeting the requirements above. 216-RICR- 40-05-23.7.

6. Foreign-Trained Midwives:

• Applicants trained outside the United States must submit evidence of graduation from a midwifery program meeting the standards set by the International Confederation of Midwifery (ICM), hold a license in midwifery from the foreign country, and successfully complete the NARM examination. If the applicant is a CPM, they must have attended a MEAC-accredited school and passed the NARM examination. 216-RICR- 40-05-23.7.

7. Continuing Education (for license renewal):

• To renew a license, a CPM must complete twenty (20) hours of continuing education every two years, including four (4) hours in pharmacology, and maintain continued national certification. 216-RICR-40-05-23.8.

8. Compliance with Incorporated Standards:

• The practice of midwifery in Rhode Island incorporates the Midwives Alliance Core Competencies and the Essential Documents of the National Association of Certified Professional Midwives, to the extent they are not inconsistent with state regulations. 216-RICR- 40-05-23.2.

Failure to meet these requirements or to practice without a license may result in penalties, including fines or imprisonment, and possible revocation of the license. Gen.Laws 1956, § 23-13-9.

Relevant citations: 216-RICR- 40-05-23.7, 216-RICR- 40-05-23.3, 216-RICR- 40-05-23.8, 216-RICR-40-05-23.2, Gen.Laws 1956, § 23-13-9.

South Carolina

To become a certified professional midwife (CPM) in South Carolina, the following requirements must be met:

1. Certification by NARM:

• The applicant must have certification by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) or another Department-approved organization. S.C. Code of Regulations R. 60-24.

2. Application and Documentation:

• Submit an application for a midwife license.

• Provide evidence of completion of certification by NARM or other Department-approved organization(s).

• Provide evidence of completion of an educational program evaluated by NARM or another Department-approved organization.

• Provide evidence of completed apprenticeship and a recommendation by the supervising person (clinical experience must be supervised by a licensed midwife, certified nurse-midwife, certified professional midwife, or a physician active in perinatal care) to be submitted to the certifying agency.

• Provide evidence of a valid Healthcare Provider cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certificate by the American Red Cross or American Heart Association and Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) certificate in accordance with current NARM or other Department-approved organization standards.

• Provide evidence of negative testing for tuberculosis or certification of being noninfectious. S.C. Code of Regulations R. 60-24.

3. Examination:

• Upon approval of the above documentation by the Department, the applicant may sit for the examination. Upon successfully passing the examination, the applicant may be licensed as a midwife.

• Applicants with equivalent experience from another jurisdiction may apply and sit for the qualifying examination after submitting evidence of experience and all other requirements. S.C. Code of Regulations R. 60-24.

4. Additional Requirements:

• Be able to read and write English (for apprentice license).

• For initial application and annually thereafter, have a tuberculin skin test unless a previously positive reaction can be documented. The intradermal (Mantoux) method is required for initial testing. S.C. Code of Regulations R. 60-24.

5. Renewal:

• Licenses must be renewed every 24 months.

• For renewal, submit a renewal application, evidence of completion of certification by NARM or other Department-approved organization(s), evidence of completion of 30 contact hours of continuing education during the licensing period, evidence of current CPR and NRP certification, evidence of participation in an annual peer review, and evidence of an annual negative skin test for tuberculosis or certification of being noninfectious. S.C. Code of Regulations R. 60-24.

6. Exception:

• Individuals licensed by the Department prior to the publication date of the regulation are not required to obtain certification by NARM or other Department-approved organization(s) unless they are delinquent in renewal by more than 30 days. S.C. Code of Regulations R. 60-24.

In summary, the primary requirements are NARM certification, completion of an approved educational program and apprenticeship, passing the Department examination, current CPR and NRP certification, negative tuberculosis testing, and compliance with continuing education and renewal requirements. S.C. Code of Regulations R. 60-24.

South Dakota

To become a certified professional midwife in South Dakota, the following requirements must be met:

1. Obtain the certified professional midwife (CPM) credential. SDCL § 36-9C-4.

2. For individuals obtaining certification after December 31, 2019, completion of an educational program or pathway accredited by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC) is required. SDCL § 36-9C-4.

3. For individuals certified through a non-MEAC accredited pathway:

a. If certified before January 1, 2020, the applicant must have obtained the midwifery bridge certificate issued by the North American Registry of Midwives before applying for licensure in South Dakota.

b. If the applicant has maintained licensure in a state that does not require an accredited education, the applicant must have obtained the midwifery bridge certificate regardless of the date of certification before applying for licensure in South Dakota. SDCL § 36-9C-4.

4. Submit a completed application and the required fee to the board. ARSD 20:86:02:01.

5. Provide evidence that the applicant has not been convicted of a crime that the board determines would render the person unfit to practice midwifery. ARSD 20:86:02:01.

6. Submit fingerprints and other information necessary for a criminal background check. ARSD 20:86:02:01.

7. The applicant may be required, at the discretion of the board, to appear for a personal interview. ARSD 20:86:02:01.

8. The applicant must ensure that the board receives all documentation necessary to prove that all requirements for licensure are met. ARSD 20:86:02:01.

In summary, the requirements include holding the CPM credential, meeting specific educational and certification pathways (including MEAC accreditation or bridge certification as applicable), submitting an application with supporting documentation, passing a criminal background check, and possibly appearing for a personal interview. SDCL § 36-9C-4, ARSD 20:86:02:01.

Tennessee

To become a certified professional midwife (CPM-TN) in Tennessee, the following requirements must be met:

1. Obtain current certification from the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM). The applicant must request that verification of current NARM certification be sent directly from NARM to the Council's administrative office. T. C. A. § 63-29-108(b)(1), Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1050-05-.05(2)(a), T. C. A. § 63-29-102(3), (6), (11).

2. Read, understand, and agree to practice under the guidelines set forth in the relevant chapter and any rules promulgated pursuant to the chapter. T. C. A. § 63-29-108(b)(2).

3. Have proof of current CPR certification, including infant or neonatal resuscitation. A notarized photocopy of current certification in CPR must be submitted with the application. T. C. A. § 63-29-108(b)(3), Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1050-05-.05(2)(b).

4. Submit a completed application on forms provided by the Council, along with the required fees. Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1050-05-.05(1)(a).

5. Submit a clear and recognizable, recently taken, bust photograph showing the full head, face forward from at least the top of the shoulders up. Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1050-05-.05(2)(c).

6. Submit evidence of good moral character, including at least two letters attesting to the applicant's character. One letter must be from a health care professional on the signator's letterhead. Letters from family members or relatives are not accepted. Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1050-05-.05(2)(d).

7. If previously authorized to practice as a professional midwife in another state or country, submit the equivalent of a Tennessee Certificate of Endorsement from each licensing agency, indicating the status and standing of the authorization. Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1050-05-.05(2)(e).

8. Disclose the circumstances surrounding any of the following:

• Conviction of any criminal law violation (except minor traffic violations)

• Denial or discipline of professional licensure/certification in any state

• Loss or restriction of professional licensure/certification

• Any civil suit judgment or settlement as a party defendant, including malpractice or other civil actions

• Failure of any professional licensure or certification examination. Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1050-05-.05(2)(f).

9. Submit the result of a criminal background check directly from the vendor identified in the Council's certification application materials. Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1050-05-.05(2)(g).

A certificate under this chapter is required to practice midwifery for monetary compensation unless the applicant is a certified nurse midwife who maintains licensure as a registered nurse. T. C. A. § 63-29-108(a).

In summary, the requirements include NARM certification, CPR certification, application submission with supporting documents, evidence of good moral character, background checks, and compliance with all disclosure and endorsement requirements. T. C. A. § 63-29-108, Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1050-05-.05, T. C. A. § 63-29-102.

Texas

To become a Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) and obtain licensure as a midwife in Texas, the following requirements must be met:

1. Education:

• Completion of a basic midwifery education course approved by the department. The course must:

• Have a course administrator and site in Texas.

• Include a didactic component covering the current Core Competencies and Standards of Practice of the Midwives Alliance of North America (MANA) and the Texas Midwifery Basic Information Manual.

• Prepare the student to apply for certification by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM).

• Include a minimum of 250 hours of coursework.

• Provide clinical experience of at least two years (but no more than five years) and at least 1,350 clinical contact hours, including specific requirements for birth attendance, prenatal exams, newborn exams, and postpartum exams under direct supervision. 16 TAC § 115.20.

2. Certification and Examination:

• Proof of one of the following:

• Certified Professional Midwife certification by NARM; or

• Successful completion and passing of a basic midwifery education course and the NARM exam or any other comprehensive exam approved by the department. 16 TAC § 115.13.

• Passing the jurisprudence examination approved by the department within one year prior to the date of application. 16 TAC § 115.13, V.T.C.A., Occupations Code § 203.252.

3. Additional Requirements:

• Proof of successful completion of a continuing education course covering the current Texas Midwifery Basic Information and Instructor Manual. 16 TAC § 115.13.

• Proof of current CPR certification. 16 TAC § 115.13.

• Proof of current certification in neonatal resuscitation, SS1 - 4, from the American Academy of Pediatrics or an equivalent certification approved by the department. 16 TAC § 115.13.

• Proof of satisfactory completion of training in the collection of newborn screening specimens, or an established relationship with a qualified health care provider who will collect these specimens. 16 TAC § 115.13.

• Payment of the required fee. 16 TAC § 115.13.

• Successful completion of a criminal history background check. 16 TAC § 115.13.

• The initial license must be issued before the midwife begins to practice. V.T.C.A., Occupations Code § 203.252.

4. If applying for initial licensure more than four years after completing the basic midwifery education course, the applicant must also provide proof of at least 40 hours of continuing education within the year preceding the application, including a review of the current Texas Midwifery Basic Information and Instructor Manual and the current MANA Core Competencies and Standards of Practice. 16 TAC § 115.13.

5. The applicant must satisfy all requirements for basic midwifery education and pass the required examinations. V.T.C.A., Occupations Code § 203.252.

6. The department may deny the application for violation of the Act. 16 TAC § 115.13.

In summary, to become a Certified Professional Midwife in Texas, an individual must complete an approved midwifery education program, obtain NARM certification or pass the NARM exam, complete required continuing education, hold current CPR and neonatal resuscitation certifications, complete newborn screening training, pass a jurisprudence exam, undergo a criminal background check, and satisfy all application and fee requirements. 16 TAC § 115.20, 16 TAC § 115.13, V.T.C.A., Occupations Code § 203.252.

Utah

To become a certified professional midwife (specifically, a licensed direct-entry midwife) in Utah, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Submit an application in a form prescribed by the division.

2. Pay a fee as determined by the department under Section 63J-1-504.

3. Hold a Certified Professional Midwife certificate in good standing with the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) or an equivalent certification approved by the division.

4. Hold current adult and infant CPR and newborn resuscitation certifications through an organization approved by the division.

5. Provide documentation of successful completion of an approved pharmacology course as defined by division rule. U.C.A. 1953 § 58-77-302.

Additionally, definitions and further requirements related to the practice and scope of direct-entry midwifery are provided in U.C.A. 1953 § 58-77-102 and U.A.C. R156-77-102. These include:

• The Certified Professional Midwife certificate must be current and in good standing with NARM. U.A.C. R156-77-102.

• The applicant must comply with any additional requirements set forth by division rule, including definitions of approved continuing education and accredited schools. U.A.C. R156-77-102.

For license renewal, the applicant must:

1. Submit documentation of holding a current Certified Professional Midwife certificate in good standing with NARM.

2. Submit documentation of current certifications in adult and infant CPR, and newborn resuscitation that meets the criteria established by rule.

3. Complete at least two clock hours of approved continuing education in intrapartum fetal monitoring during each preceding two-year licensure cycle, which may be part of the hours required to maintain NARM certification. U.A.C. R156-77-303.

In summary, the core requirements are application, fee, NARM certification (or equivalent), CPR and newborn resuscitation certification, and completion of an approved pharmacology course. U.C.A. 1953 § 58-77-302, U.A.C. R156-77-102, U.A.C. R156-77-303.

Vermont

To become a certified professional midwife (CPM) eligible for licensure in Vermont, the following requirements must be met:

1. Certification: The applicant must have obtained certification as a certified professional midwife (CPM) from the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM). 26 V.S.A. § 4183, Vt. Admin. Code 20-4-10:2.

2. Education: The applicant must have earned a high school degree or its equivalent as a basis for entry into the study of midwifery. 26 V.S.A. § 4183, Vt. Admin. Code 20-4-10:2.

3. Practice Agreement: The applicant must agree to practice according to the scope and standards of practice as required by rules adopted pursuant to section 4185 of Title 26 and as set forth in the relevant regulations. 26 V.S.A. § 4183, Vt. Admin. Code 20-4-10:2.

4. Application: The applicant must submit a completed application form with all supporting documentation and the required fee to the Office of Professional Regulation. The application will be reviewed only after all supporting documentation is received. Vt. Admin. Code 20-4-10:2.

5. Written Plan: The applicant must develop and submit a written plan for consultation and for emergency transfer and transport of client and newborn, as required by regulation. Vt. Admin. Code 20-4-10:3, 26 V.S.A. § 4190.

6. CPR Certification: The applicant must show proof of current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification for adults and newborns, and for neonatal resuscitation, as a condition of initial licensure. Vt. Admin. Code 20-4-10:3.

7. Informed Consent: Before accepting a client for care, a licensed midwife must obtain written informed consent, which includes disclosure of the midwife's educational background and credentials, among other information. Vt. Admin. Code 20-4-10:3.

8. Scope and Standards: The applicant must agree to practice within the scope and standards of practice as defined by the Director's rules, which include detailed requirements for prenatal care, labor, birth, postpartum care, and record keeping. Vt. Admin. Code 20-4-10:3, 26 V.S.A. § 4185.

In summary, the essential requirements are CPM certification from NARM, a high school diploma or equivalent, agreement to practice according to Vermont's scope and standards, submission of a complete application and supporting documents, a written plan for consultation and emergency transfer, current CPR certification, and compliance with informed consent and practice standards. 26 V.S.A. § 4183, Vt. Admin. Code 20-4-10:2, Vt. Admin. Code 20-4-10:3, 26 V.S.A. § 4185, 26 V.S.A. § 4190.

Virgin Islands

To become a certified professional midwife (specifically, a nurse midwife) in the Virgin Islands, the following requirements must be met:

1. The applicant must be a registered nurse and hold a current license to practice as a registered nurse in the Virgin Islands. 27 V.I.C. § 101a.

2. The applicant must be a graduate from an accredited midwifery school recognized by the Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure and/or the American College of Nurse Midwives. 3 V.I. R. & Regs. § 415-415(4)-61.

3. The applicant must have successfully completed a formal post-basic, advanced-practice, formal education program in the area of nursing specialty, of at least one academic year duration, which prepares the individual for advanced specialized nursing practice. 27 V.I.C. § 101a, 27 V.I.C. § 96.

4. The applicant must hold a current, national certification as a nurse midwife from the appropriate national certifying body as determined by rule of the Board. 27 V.I.C. § 101a.

5. The applicant must pay the required fees as set by rule. 27 V.I.C. § 101a.

6. Beginning July 1, 2005, or 12 months after the adoption of final rules to implement this section (whichever is sooner), applicants for initial licensure must have a graduate degree appropriate for national certification in a clinical, advanced-practice nursing specialty. 27 V.I.C. § 101a.

7. The applicant must submit evidence of completion of the required education program. 27 V.I.C. § 101a.

8. All nurse midwives must accrue at least sixty (60) contact hours of continuing education every two (2) years. Those who have not been in active practice for five (5) years must take a refresher course. 3 V.I. R. & Regs. § 415-415(4)-61.

9. Nurse midwives must practice pursuant to a written collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician, which must be submitted to the Board and updated annually. 27 V.I.C. § 101a.

10. The Board of Nurse Licensure may issue certificates attesting to the qualifications of nurse midwives who meet these requirements. 27 V.I.C. § 96.

In summary, certification as a professional nurse midwife in the Virgin Islands requires licensure as a registered nurse, graduation from an accredited midwifery program, national certification, completion of advanced education, compliance with continuing education requirements, and a collaborative practice agreement with a physician. 27 V.I.C. § 101a, 27 V.I.C. § 96, 3 V.I. R. & Regs. § 415-415(4)-61.

Virginia

To become a certified professional midwife in Virginia, the following requirements must be met:

1. Licensure Requirements:

- The Board of Medicine, in consultation with the Advisory Board on Midwifery, adopts regulations governing the practice of midwifery, including requirements for licensure. VA Code Ann. § 54.1-2957.9.

- The regulations must be consistent with the North American Registry of Midwives' (NARM) current job description and the National Association of Certified Professional Midwives' standards of practice. VA Code Ann. § 54.1-2957.9.

- Prescriptive authority is prohibited for certified professional midwives. VA Code Ann. § 54.1-2957.9.

• Applicants must complete all Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health patient safety bundles advanced by the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative if they obtain, possess, and administer drugs and devices within their scope of practice. VA Code Ann. § 54.1-2957.9.

• License renewal is contingent upon maintaining Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) certification. VA Code Ann. § 54.1-2957.9.

2. Education and Training:

• A person may perform tasks related to the practice of midwifery under supervision while enrolled in an accredited midwifery education program or during completion of the NARM Portfolio Evaluation Process Program, without a license, until they have taken and received the results of any examination required for CPM certification or for up to 10 years, whichever occurs sooner. 18 VAC 85-130-45.

• The definition of "CPM" is the Certified Professional Midwife credential issued by the North American Registry of Midwives. 18 VAC 85-130-10.

3. Scope of Practice:

• "Midwife" means a person who provides primary maternity care and is not licensed as a doctor of medicine, osteopathy, or certified nurse midwife. VA Code Ann. § 54.1-2957.7.

• "Practicing midwifery" includes providing primary maternity care consistent with the midwife's training, education, and experience, and identifying and referring women or newborns who require medical care. VA Code Ann. § 54.1-2957.7.

4. Delegation and Supervision:

• A licensed midwife may delegate nondiscretionary activities to an apprentice or supervised personnel, provided the activities do not require professional judgment and responsibility is assumed by the licensed midwife. VA Code Ann. § 54.1-2957.13.

• Tasks related to midwifery may be performed under direct and immediate supervision during completion of the NARM Portfolio Evaluation Process Program or while enrolled in an accredited midwifery education program. VA Code Ann. § 54.1-2957.13.

5. Renewal and Continuing Education:

• License renewal requires maintaining current CPM certification. VA Code Ann. § 54.1-2957.9.

• Requirements for licensure renewal and continuing education are established by regulation. VA Code Ann. § 54.1-2957.9.

In summary, to become a certified professional midwife in Virginia, an applicant must complete an accredited midwifery education program or the NARM Portfolio Evaluation Process, obtain CPM certification from the North American Registry of Midwives, comply with all regulatory requirements including patient safety bundles if administering drugs or devices, and maintain CPM certification for

license renewal. VA Code Ann. § 54.1-2957.9, 18 VAC 85-130-45, 18 VAC 85-130-10, VA Code Ann. § 54.1-2957.7, VA Code Ann. § 54.1-2957.13.

Washington

To become a certified professional midwife (CPM) and obtain a Washington state midwife license, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Hold a current North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) certified professional midwife (CPM) certification, with proof sent directly from NARM to the department. WAC 246-834-066.

2. Complete all application requirements for licensure, including:

- Submitting an initial application on forms provided by the department.
- Paying the required fees.
- Providing proof of high school graduation or its equivalent. WAC 246-834-060.

3. Submit documentation to the department of clinical experience, including:

a. Attendance at 100 births, with at least:

- 30 births as the primary attendant under supervision of a qualified attendant,
- 20 births directly assisted,
- 50 births observed (in addition to those counted as primary attendant or directly assisted).

Documentation must include the date, client identifier, applicant's role, and the signature or initials of the qualified attendant. WAC 246-834-066.

b. Prenatal care examinations of 50 individuals and early postpartum care examinations of 50 individuals (the same individuals need not be seen for both). Documentation must include the date, client identifier, and the signature or initials of the qualified attendant. WAC 246-834-066.

4. Demonstrate competency in the use and administration of legend drugs and devices as described in RCW 18.50.115 and WAC 246-834-250. This must be documented on a department-supplied form and signed by a qualified licensed health care professional. WAC 246-834-066.

5. Successfully complete courses on epidemiology and obstetric pharmacology from:

- An institution accredited by an agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or the United States Department of Education (USDOE), or
- A curriculum or program approved by the department. WAC 246-834-066.

6. If the applicant does not meet all clinical and educational requirements, they may apply for a trainee permit to complete the remaining requirements under supervision. WAC 246-834-066.

7. The applicant must also comply with any additional requirements set forth in WAC 246-834-060, including verification of passing the NARM examination if not already provided. WAC 246-834-060.

8. Preceptors supervising clinical requirements must meet specific qualifications, including licensure and experience requirements. WAC 246-834-067.

In summary, the requirements focus on holding a current CPM certification, completing specific clinical experiences, demonstrating competency in certain medical skills, completing required coursework, and fulfilling application and documentation requirements. WAC 246-834-066, WAC 246-834-060, WAC 246-834-067.

West Virginia

The requirements to become a certified professional midwife in West Virginia are as follows:

1. Licensure, Registration, or Certification:

• An individual must be duly licensed, registered, or certified to practice as a midwife by the proper authority within the State of West Virginia. W. Va. Code St. R. § 71-13-3.

• If the applicant is already licensed, registered, or certified in another state, they may obtain a license, registration, or certificate in West Virginia without examination if they meet the following criteria:

a. The license, registration, or certification is in good standing in all states where held.

b. The applicant has met minimum education, work experience, and clinical supervision requirements in the other state.

c. The applicant has passed any required examinations in the other state.

d. The applicant has not had a license, registration, or certificate revoked or voluntarily surrendered while under investigation for unprofessional conduct.

e. The applicant has not had any other form of discipline imposed, unless the cause has been corrected and resolved.

f. The applicant pays all applicable fees.

g. The applicant does not have a disqualifying criminal history as determined by the relevant board.

h. The applicant may be required to pass an examination specific to the laws of West Virginia. W. Va. Code, § 30-1-27.

2. Professional Credentials and Staff Requirements:

• All staff, including midwives, providing services in a birthing center who are required by state law to be licensed, registered, or certified must have valid credentials, and copies must be on file with the facility. W. Va. Code St. R. § 71-13-7.

• The education, training, and experience of the staff must be appropriate for their job responsibilities and comply with state professional licensure requirements. W. Va. Code St. R. § 71-13-7.

3. Definitions:

• A "midwife" is included as clinical staff in birthing centers and must be licensed, registered, or certified as described above. W. Va. Code St. R. § 71-13-3.

In summary, to become a certified professional midwife in West Virginia, an individual must obtain the appropriate state licensure, registration, or certification, meet education and examination requirements, maintain good standing, and comply with all applicable state laws and regulations. W. Va. Code St. R. § 71-13-3, W. Va. Code St. R. § 71-13-7, W. Va. Code, § 30-1-27.

Wisconsin

To become a certified professional midwife in Wisconsin, an individual must meet the following requirements:

1. Application and Fee:

• Submit an application for a license as a midwife on a form provided by the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

• Pay the fee specified in s. 440.03(9), Stats. Wis. Adm. Code § SPS 181.01, W.S.A. 440.982.

2. Credential Requirements:

• Provide evidence satisfactory to the department of one of the following:

a. Hold a valid certified professional midwife credential granted by the North American Registry of Midwives or a successor organization.

b. Hold a valid certified nurse-midwife credential granted by the American College of Nurse Midwives or a successor organization. Wis. Adm. Code § SPS 181.01, W.S.A. 440.982.

3. Criminal Background:

• The applicant must not have an arrest or conviction record, subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.335, Stats.

• The department may not grant a midwife license to a person convicted of certain specified offenses, including but not limited to offenses under ss. 940.22, 940.225, 944.06, 944.15, 944.17, 944.30, 944.31, 944.32, 944.33, 944.34, 948.02, 948.025, 948.06, 948.07, 948.075, 948.08, 948.09, 948.095, 948.10, 948.11, or 948.12, Stats. Wis. Adm. Code § SPS 181.01, W.S.A. 440.982.

4. Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Proficiency:

• Provide evidence of current proficiency in the use of an automated external defibrillator, achieved through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved under s. 46.03(38), Stats. Wis. Adm. Code § SPS 181.01, W.S.A. 440.982.

5. Temporary Permit (if applicable):

• An applicant seeking a temporary permit must be actively engaged as a candidate for certification with the North American Registry of Midwives or enrolled in an accredited program, have a written commitment from a licensed midwife for direct supervision, be certified in neonatal resuscitation and adult CPR, have attended at least 5 births as an observer, and meet the same criminal background requirements as above. Wis. Adm. Code § SPS 181.01.

6. Renewal:

• To renew a license, the applicant must submit proof of holding a valid certified professional midwife credential from the North American Registry of Midwives (or a successor organization) and current proficiency in AED use. Wis. Adm. Code § SPS 181.01, W.S.A. 440.983.

7. Additional Provisions:

• The department may grant a reciprocal midwife license to service members, former service members, or their spouses if they meet the requirements under s. 440.09(2), Stats. Wis. Adm. Code § SPS 181.01.

In summary, the essential requirements are holding a valid certified professional midwife credential from the North American Registry of Midwives (or a successor organization), demonstrating AED proficiency, passing a criminal background check, and submitting the required application and fee. Wis. Adm. Code § SPS 181.01, W.S.A. 440.982, W.S.A. 440.983.

Wyoming

To become a certified professional midwife in Wyoming, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Apply in the manner prescribed by the Board of Midwifery and pay the required fees.

2. Meet one of the following education or experience criteria:

a. Graduate from a midwifery education program accredited by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC) or a similar successor organization, or

b. Have five years of experience practicing as a licensed or certified midwife in another state.

3. Provide proof of current certification as a Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) or its successor organization.

4. Complete a practicum or course of practical experience that meets requirements established by the Board.

5. Provide evidence of successful completion of Board-approved courses in:

a. Treatment of respiratory distress in newborns,

b. Pharmacology,

c. Treatment of shock,

d. Intravenous therapy, and

e. Suturing specific to midwives.

The Board may accept graduation from an accredited program as satisfying this requirement if those subjects are adequately covered.

6. Submit fingerprints and other information necessary for a criminal history background check.

7. Successfully complete a personal interview with the Board, if the Board deems it appropriate.

8. Not provide materially false or misleading information to the Board.

9. Not have been convicted of a crime which, in the judgment of the Board, renders the person unfit to practice midwifery.

Additionally, the Board may license by endorsement any person who is currently licensed or certified by another state with requirements at least as stringent as Wyoming's, is in good standing, and meets other specified criteria. W.S.1977 § 33-46-103.

A provisional license may be issued to:

• Any person eligible for licensure to practice under supervision until the Board acts on the application,

• Any person undertaking the required practicum, or

• Any person licensed or certified in another state with requirements at least as stringent as Wyoming's, to practice for up to 30 days for education, instruction, or as a locum tenens. W.S.1977 § 33-46-103, WY Rules and Regulations 036.0001.3 § 6.

The license is valid for two years and may be renewed upon application, payment of fees, and completion of any required continuing education. W.S.1977 § 33-46-103.

A licensed midwife must also comply with practice standards, reporting, and record-keeping requirements as set by the Board. W.S.1977 § 33-46-103, WY Rules and Regulations 036.0001.7 § 9.

It is also specified that a licensed midwife is not required to have a nursing degree or diploma, nor to practice under the supervision of another health care provider, except as a disciplinary measure or as a provisional licensee. W.S.1977 § 33-46-103.

Summary of key requirements:

• Application and fees

• Accredited education or equivalent experience

• NARM certification as CPM

• Completion of required practicum and courses

• Criminal background check

• Board interview (if required)

• No disqualifying criminal convictions or false information

Citations: W.S.1977 § 33-46-103, WY Rules and Regulations 036.0001.3 § 6, WY Rules and Regulations 036.0001.7 § 9

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