







Direct Entry Midwife Education

Attend Midwifery School/ Training ¹	Advance to Clinical Rotations	Sit for the National Board Exam	Obtain CPM license and apply to the Colorado Registry of Direct Entry Midwives
<p>3 – 5 Years of Didactic Study & Skills Training</p>  <p>Anatomy & Physiology Physical Exam & Assessment Normal Prenatal, Labor & Birth Normal Newborn Breastfeeding Labs & Pharmacology Counseling & Women's Mental Health Prenatal Complications Complications of Labor & Birth Complications of the Newborn Well Woman Care Professional Issues: Informed Choice, Charting, Ethics, Research, Cultural Competency Skills Practice</p>	<p>Attend a minimum 40 births*</p>  <p>Clinical hours include prenatal exams, attending births, newborn exams, postpartum exams, and suturing, under direct supervision by a qualified preceptor. Proof of competency in all areas required for application to sit for NARM exam.</p> <p><i>This is the only program that requires clinical experience in out-of-hospital settings.</i></p> <p>* Compare to 20 for CNMs.</p>	 <p>The National Commission on Certifying Agencies (NCCA) has accredited over 180 credentials including nurse-midwives, nurse anesthetists, nurse practitioners, and critical care nurses. It has accredited the standardized examination system leading to the credential "Certified Professional Midwife" (CPM). The 8 hour exam is the final step in the credentialing process. It has been deemed psychometrically sound and legally defensible.</p>	 <p>The registrant must satisfy the requirements of section 12-37-103 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, including demonstrating knowledge, experience, the CPM credential, and red cross training in CPR and neonatal resuscitation. The registrant must maintain good standing and submit data on an annual basis with an application for renewal of their status. In addition, to maintain the CPM credential the midwife must obtain continuing education hours every three years.</p>

¹ Recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a national accrediting agency for direct-entry midwifery education, the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council accredits ten programs/institutions, including four with a distance education option that allows students to combine local clinical preceptorships with their didactic studies. Three are degree-granting institutions offering entry-level and/or advanced degrees in midwifery.