

CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE

Average Salary: \$142,660 | \$69 per hour

Employment | 64 are licensed in the state of Nevada, including 50 in Las Vegas

Job Outlook | 25 job listings in Nevada



Overview

Certified nurse midwives (CNMs) are advanced practice registered nurses who provide counseling and health care during pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum. CNMs can provide care for birthing people in a home setting, birth centers, and hospitals. Most certified nurse midwives work closely with expectant mothers and their families before the baby is born. They educate pregnant individuals about proper nutrition, exercise, and general well-being. Certified nurse midwives also help prepare for childbirth, including making decisions about pain management.

Certified nurse midwives view pregnancy and childbirth as normal, healthy life events. Their care emphasizes supporting the body's natural processes and minimizing medical interventions when possible. While they are trained to recognize and manage many situations that arise during labor and delivery, they collaborate with physicians if complications occur or if surgical procedures or specialized care are needed.

Many people mistakenly think that CNMs only deliver babies, but that is just a fraction of their duties. Certified nurse midwives also help mothers recover after delivery, support new mothers and babies with breastfeeding, and provide routine wellness services, including reproductive health visits.

Becoming a certified nurse midwives takes 6–8 years. This includes earning a bachelor's degree (4 years), completing a graduate-level nurse midwifery program (2–3 years), passing certification exams, and obtaining an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse licensure.

At-a-Glance

- Certified nurse midwives care for pregnant women before, during, and after childbirth
- Deliver babies for normal pregnancies
- Consult with appropriate specialists when patient needs warrant additional care
- Must have a master's or doctoral degree
- Need national certification and licensure from the Nevada State Board of Nursing
- Salary ranges from \$82,500 to \$200,000

Educational Opportunities in Nevada

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
– Master's