

A close-up photograph of a woman with dark hair, wearing a white lab coat, holding a sleeping baby. The baby is wearing a white onesie and a blue wristband. They are positioned on a white, textured surface. The woman is looking down at the baby with a gentle expression.

Licensure for
Certified
Professional
Midwives

Proposed Nevada
Assembly Bill

2020


What is a Certified Professional Midwife?

Autonomous, distinct profession separate from nursing and medicine

Provide primary maternity care and well-person care

Provide critical access to physiologic birth

Expertise providing care in homes and freestanding birth centers

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- A pregnant woman with dark hair and a nose ring is lying on her side, smiling. She is wearing a dark blue top and a patterned shawl. A fetal monitor is attached to her belly. The background is dark and out of focus.
- Reduced intervention rates
 - Cost savings for the consumer, the state, and insurance companies
 - Time intensive, one-on-one care
 - Client-centered, shared decisionmaking

- Greater access
- Maternity care provider shortage
- Options outside the hospital in pandemics and natural disasters
- Rural access
- Additional postpartum care and support

Benefits of CPM Care

NACPM

National Association of
Certified Professional Midwives

Informing Policy with Values
Inherent in CPM Care

Improving Outcomes

Strengthening Midwifery

What is US MERA?

Coalition of representatives of national midwifery associations, credentialing bodies and education accreditation agencies

Vision

An integrative US healthcare system where everyone has access to midwives and midwifery care that improves health.

Unified Support

US MERA organizations support MEAC education for midwives certified after January 1, 2020.

Member Organizations

NAABB	ACME	MANA
NACPM	NARM	AMCB
	ACNM	

PEP Program

Educational evaluation
process

Minimum 2-year
apprenticeship

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Fulfill general education
requirements

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NARM skills verification

Midwifery Bridge Certificate

- 15 CEUs for Emergency skills
- 15 CEUs for emergency skills for newborns
- 20 CEUs for "Other"

The Bridge Certificate requires 50 accredited CEUs over 5 years

What is a MEAC Accredited Program and its Benefits?

- Verifies that a program meets established standards of education
- Provides a basis for inter-and intra-institutional cooperative practices

- Promotes ongoing improvement and effective system for accountability
- Helps identify programs and institutions for investment of funds

A close-up photograph of a woman with reddish hair, wearing a light-colored sweater, holding a newborn baby. The woman's eyes are closed, and she has a gentle expression. The baby is looking towards the camera with a neutral expression. The background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be a window with light coming through.

WHY IS ACCREDITATION GOOD FOR THE PUBLIC?

Schools and
curriculum
meet criteria

Health and
Safety

Saves money
for the state

Accountability

WHY IS ACCREDITATION AND LICENSURE GOOD FOR THE PROFESSION?

Promotes standards of practice and advocates for rigorous preparation

Fosters accountability

Ensures consistency of skills among midwives

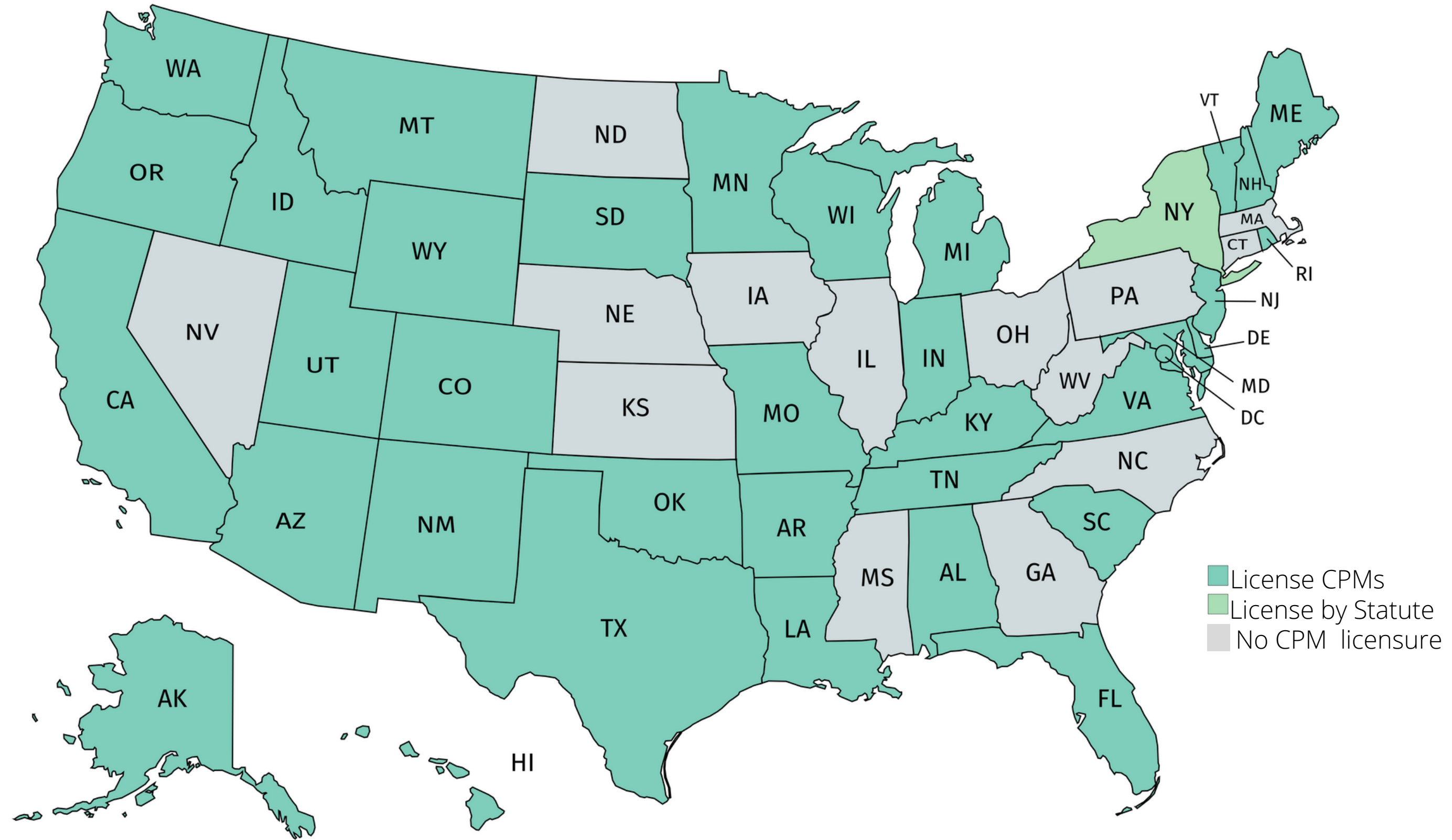
Facilitates recognition of the profession by other health care professionals

Access to financial aid opportunities

Licensure Trends for CPMs

Nevada
Stands
Alone in
the West

- 35 states regulate CPMs through licensure
- 1 state authorizes practice by statute



WHAT HAS BEEN SHOWN TO IMPROVE HOME BIRTH OUTCOMES?

Collaboration

Integration

Autonomous Practice

Integration
& regulation
are key.

Midwifery Integration State Score Comparison

Nevada ranks 35th in the US with a MISS score of 29. Washington, New Mexico, and Oregon are the states with the highest integration scores in the US.

ARE CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES...	NEVADA SCORE: 29	WASHINGTON SCORE: 61	NEW MEXICO SCORE: 59	OREGON SCORE: 58
Licensed to Practice?	NO	YES	YES	YES
Covered By Medicaid?	NO	YES	YES	YES
Able to easily access physician referral?	NO	YES	YES	NO
Restricted in site of practice?	Home	Home Birth Center	Home Birth Center	Home Birth Center
Authorized to obtain, carry, and administer medications?	NO	YES	YES	YES
Held to regulated safety standards and accountability guidelines?	NO	YES	YES	YES

Midtown Midwifery Collective

10.3%
of US births are
attended by
midwives

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STATE OUTCOMES	NEVADA SCORE: 29 5.3%	WASHINGTON SCORE: 61 13.4%	NEW MEXICO SCORE: 59 26.4%	OREGON SCORE: 58 20.0%
Spontaneous Vaginal Birth US Average: 49.2%	48.4%	55.2%	53.1%	49.4%
Induction US Average: 23.2%	21.9%	21.1%	28.4%	27.9%
Cesarean US Average: 32.2%	34.5%	27.6%	23.8%	27.4%
VBAC US Average: 11.3%	11.9%	18.4%	19.2%	18.0%
Low Birth Weight US Average: 8.0%	8.3%	6.5%	8.8%	8.0%
Neonatal Mortality US Average: 4.0/1000	3.7/1000	3.1/1000	3.9/1000	3.5/1000
Premature Birth US Average: 9.6%	10.1%	8.1%	9.2%	7.7%
Breastfeeding at Birth US Average: 80.3%	81.7%	94.2%	84.6%	93.7%
Breastfeeding at Six Months US Average: 24.9%	14.7%	25.5%	24.5%	31.3%

Mid-Ohio Midwifery Collective



Birth Settings Report

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, 2020

"Too much too soon, or
too little too late."

Accredited Education
Requirements after 2023

Direct On-Site Supervision of
Students and Assistants

Training for Birth Assistants

Requirements for cultural
sensitivity, bias and antiracism
training for license renewal

HOW DO THE PROPOSED ASSEMBLY AND SENATE BILLS CURRENTLY DIFFER ?

Our goals are to improve
outcomes, provide accountability,
and improve accessibility, while
providing CPMs the ability to
practice to their full scope

Midwife Assistants

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Training

Oversight



DIRECT SUPERVISION

The licensed midwife must be physically present on the premises, and able to intervene when a student midwife performs any clinical task at births, prenatal, and postpartum care visits.

Birth Assistants function under the direct supervision of the licensed midwife who must be on premises to oversee all clinical tasks.

- If a student does not perform any clinical midwife function, i.e. cervical exams, BP, FHTs, and only provides emotional support, this does not violate NACPM essential documents.
- If a person is at the stage of labor where they require midwifery care, then the midwife must be in attendance.
- Any assessment of the client without supervision is a violation of NACPM Essential Documents.

Regulation is a mechanism by which the social contract between the midwifery profession and society is expressed. Society grants the midwifery profession authority and autonomy to regulate itself. In return, society expects the midwifery profession to act responsibly, ensure high standards of midwifery care and maintain the trust of the public.

The End

