

(Nurse) Midwife

What do they do?

(Nurse) Midwives are advanced practice Registered Nurses (RNs) that provide care to women; examples of care would be gynecological exams, family planning and prenatal care. Many Certified Nurse Midwives may function as primary care providers for women and newborns. They can also provide education on health and wellness through nutrition and disease prevention.

Where do they work?

(Nurse) Midwives can work in a variety of settings including office practices, clinics, hospitals, universities and outpatient care centers.

Pay:

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average yearly income for (Nurse) Midwives is \$103,770.



Education:

(Nurse) Midwives must obtain a bachelor's of science in nursing (BSN) and either a master's of nursing (MSN) or a doctorate of nursing practice (DNP). Many programs are moving toward DNPs as the standard for Nurse Practitioners as this is seen as similar practitioner training as a medical degree.

High School students interested in becoming a (Nurse) Midwife should take courses in chemistry, biology and anatomy and physiology.

Midwife training in Wisconsin:

UW Health – Midwifery Program

<https://www.uwhealth.org/midwife/midwifery-program/10211>



Marquette University – Masters Nurse Midwifery

<https://www.marquette.edu/nursing/graduate/msn-midwifery.php>



Important Skills:

- Communication
- Critical-Thinking/Problem Solving
- Compassion
- Detail oriented
- Resourcefulness
- Interpersonal & Leadership Skills

Certification:

The American Midwifery Certification Board offered certification to become a certified (nurse) midwife (CNM). CNM's must recertify every 5 years.

<https://www.amcbmidwife.org/>



Professional Associations:

American College of Nurse – Midwives (ACNM)

<https://www.midwife.org/>



Midwives Alliance North America

<https://mana.org/>



Accreditation:

Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME)

<https://www.midwife.org/Accreditation>



The National Commission for Certifying Agencies accredited American Midwifery Certification Board for their Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM) and Certified Midwife (CM) credentials.

<https://www.aacn.org/>



Job Outlook:

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment for Nurse Midwife is expected to grow 21 percent between 2016-2026, which is much faster than the average across all occupations.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2017-18 Edition, Nurse Midwives, www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/nurse-anesthetists-nurse-midwives-and-nurse-practitioners.htm

