

WAC 246-834-066 Certified professional midwife (CPM) licensure requirements. An applicant who holds a current North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) certified professional midwife (CPM) certification may apply for a Washington state midwife license by completing all requirements in this section.

(1) To be eligible for a midwife license an applicant holding a CPM shall:

(a) Complete all application requirements for licensure in WAC 246-834-060.

(b) Ensure that proof of the CPM certification is sent to the department directly from NARM.

(c) Submit to the department documentation of attendance at one hundred births of which:

(i) At least thirty births where the applicant was the primary attendant under supervision of a qualified attendant;

(ii) At least twenty births where the applicant directly assisted;

(iii) At least fifty births that the applicant observed in addition to births counted in (c)(i) and (ii) of this subsection; and

(iv) Documentation for (c)(i) through (iii) of this subsection must include at least the date, client identifier, the applicant's role at each birth, and the signature or initials of the qualified attendant at the birth of either: A licensed midwife, a CPM preceptor, a certified nurse midwife, or a practitioner licensed by their state or jurisdiction to provide maternity care. The applicant shall submit to the department the name and contact information of each signatory, if available. The department may approve exceptions to the required documentation in this subsection.

(d) Submit to the department documentation of prenatal care examinations of fifty women and early postpartum care examinations of fifty women. The same women need not be seen for both examinations. Documentation must include at least the date, client identifier, and the signature or initials of the qualified attendant at the care examination of either: A licensed midwife, a CPM preceptor, a certified nurse midwife, or a practitioner licensed by their state or jurisdiction to provide maternity care. The applicant must submit to the department the name and contact information of each signatory, if available. The department may approve exceptions to the required documentation in this subsection.

(e) Demonstrate competency in the use and administration of legend drugs and devices described in RCW 18.50.115 and WAC 246-834-250. The applicant shall submit documentation of competency to the department on a department supplied form. A licensed health care professional who, within his or her scope of practice, is qualified to use and administer legend drugs and devices described in RCW 18.50.115 and WAC 246-834-250 must sign the form.

(f) Successfully complete courses on epidemiology and obstetric pharmacology from:

(i) An institution that is accredited by an agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and included in their database of institutions on programs accredited by recognized United States accrediting organizations;

(ii) An institution that is accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDOE) and included in their database of accredited postsecondary institutions and programs; or

(iii) A curriculum or program approved by the department.

(2) Applicants applying under this section who have a current CPM but do not meet all of the requirements listed in subsection (1)(c) through (f) of this section may apply to the department for a trainee permit under WAC 246-834-068. The trainee permit authorizes the applicant to complete subsection (1)(c) through (e) of this section, under the supervision of a preceptor as described in WAC 246-834-067.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.50.065, 18.50.135, and 18.50.040. WSR 15-20-049, § 246-834-066, filed 9/30/15, effective 10/31/15.]