

# Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services

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## BOARD OF NURSING

### INFORMATION REGARDING CERTIFICATION AS A NURSE-MIDWIFE

A person who is currently licensed to practice as a professional nurse in Wisconsin; has completed an educational program in nurse-midwifery approved by the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM); and holds a certificate issued by the American College of Nurse-Midwives may file an application for Wisconsin certification as a nurse-midwife.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT APPLYING FOR CERTIFICATION

1. Complete Application For Certification as a Nurse-Midwife (Form #407) and return with the Department fee directly to the *Board of Nursing, Department of Safety and Professional Services, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935.*
2. Certification of Nurse-Midwifery Degree (Form #2551) – Complete and forward to the college or university at which you received your nurse-midwifery degree. This form must be returned directly to the *Board of Nursing P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935.* Forms received by the applicant will be rejected by the board. If the school you graduated from is closed, contact the Department of Public Instruction in the state where you graduated to determine where the records for the closed school were transferred.
3. Request the American College of Nurse-Midwives to send verification of your certified nurse-midwife certificate issued by that agency directly to the *Board of Nursing, Department of Safety and Professional Services, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935.*

### TEMPORARY PERMIT (Graduate Nurse-Midwife Not Certified/Awaiting ACNM Examination Results)

The Board may grant a temporary permit to an applicant who has applied for certification as a nurse-midwife and wishes to practice nurse-midwifery before eligibility for certification has been determined. Such permit may be granted for a 6-month period and renewed for a 3-month period. Further renewals may be granted in hardship cases, not to exceed 12 months. A person who has been unsuccessful on the examination administered by the American College of Nurse-Midwives is not eligible for a temporary permit and must return the permit to the Board of Nursing office immediately upon notification of exam results.

A temporary permit may be issued upon receipt of all of the following:

1. Completed application (Form #407);
2. Initial credential fee plus temporary permit fee of \$10.00 (*non-refundable*) attached to application (Form #407);
3. Official certification of completion of an approved educational program in nurse-midwifery. The certification must be sent directly from the school and is not acceptable until after the program has been completed;
4. Malpractice Insurance Coverage:  
Complete and submit Certification Form for Malpractice Insurance Coverage for Nurse-Midwife (Form #2610).
5. Request For Temporary Permit For Nurse-Midwife (Form #2459) (Required for temporary license only.)
6. Proof of current Wisconsin licensure to practice professional nursing. ("Yes" answer and completion of question #4 on the application is sufficient - current status verified by board staff from office records.)

Renewing a permit is the responsibility of the permit holder. To renew your permit, please submit the \$10.00 renewal fee at least one week before the expiration date of your current permit.

A graduate nurse-midwife holding a valid temporary permit may use the title "Graduate Nurse-Midwife" ("G.N.M.") and must practice under the supervision of a nurse-midwife certified under sec. 441.15, Stats., or a physician.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Department of Safety and Professional Services

Biennial renewal: Renewal of certificate in March of even-numbered years is required by law if engaged in the practice of nurse-midwifery. Renewal applications will be sent at renewal time to be returned with the renewal fee as specified in sec. 440.08(2), Stats. It will be necessary for the individual whose application is approved prior to March 1 of the biennial renewal period to renew if engaged in the practice of nurse-midwifery. Fees for licenses are not prorated.

**Note:** Renewal of the nurse-midwife certificate is conducted as a separate procedure from the renewal of the license as a professional nurse. You must also renew your license to practice as a professional nurse in order to hold a valid certificate to practice nurse-midwifery.

**No person may practice or attempt to practice nurse-midwifery or use the title or letters “Certified Nurse-Midwife” or “C.N.M.”, “Nurse-Midwife” or “N.M.” or anything else to indicate that he or she is a nurse-midwife unless he or she is certified under sec. 441.15, Stats.**

## DEFINITION OF NURSE-MIDWIFERY

Section 441.15(1), Stats. reads: "In this section, 'the practice of nurse-midwifery' means the management of care of a woman in normal childbirth and the provision of prenatal, intrapartal, postpartal and nonsurgical contraceptive methods and care for the mother and the newborn."