

Acronyms related to the Profession, Regulation and Education of US Midwives

- ACME - The Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education: an administratively and financially autonomous entity recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as an accrediting agency of nurse-midwifery (CNM) programs and direct-entry midwifery programs designed to educate aspiring CMs.
- ACNM - American College of Nurse-Midwives: national professional association for CNMs and CMs.
- AMCB - American Midwifery Certification Board: the national certifying body for CNMs and CMs which is accredited by National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).
- CM - Certified Midwife: a direct-entry midwife who is certified through AMCB.
- CNM - Certified Nurse Midwife: a midwife who has also completed a degree in nursing and is certified through AMCB.
- CPM - Certified Professional Midwife: a direct-entry midwife who is certified through NARM.
- DEM - Direct-entry midwife: A midwife who has not previously completed a degree in nursing.
- LM - Licensed Midwife: A direct-entry midwife who is regulated at the state level and may or may not be a CM or CPM.
- MANA - The Midwives Alliance of North America: national midwifery association with the stated goal of uniting and strengthening all midwives.
- MEAC - The Midwifery Education Accreditation Council: an independent, nonprofit organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as an accrediting agency of direct-entry midwifery institutions and programs.
- METP - Midwifery Education and Training Programs (see below for definition).
- NACPM - National professional association for CPMs.
- NARM - The North American Registry of Midwives: the national certifying body for CPMs which is accredited by National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).
- RM - Registered Midwife: a direct-entry Canadian midwife.

Table summarizing major US midwifery organizations/credentials using Acronyms:

Accrediting Agencies (US Midwifery Education Programs and Institutions):	Professional Associations (US Midwifery):	Certifying Bodies (US midwives):	Regulated Midwives (National US Certifications):
ACME MEAC	ACNM MANA NACPM	AMCB NARM	CPM CNM CM

Midwifery Education and Training Programs (METPs) - This term was chosen to be inclusive of the variety of educational and training experiences of aspiring midwifery students and apprentices in the US who seek national certification as a CNM, CPM or CM. For example, some midwifery education programs operate in large, public institutions while others exist at small, private, independently-operated schools. Though all midwifery students and apprentices learn under the direction of at least one approved preceptor, practice details and settings vary. This project aims to compile resources relevant to the variety of midwifery education and training programs operating in the US.

*For more on the [Current Context of Midwifery Education and Training in the US](#), click [here](#).