

AMERICAN MIDWIFERY CERTIFICATION BOARD
2012 Annual Report

The mission of the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB) is to protect and serve the public by leading the certification standards in midwifery. AMCB fulfills its mission through three primary activities: a national examination for initial certification as a nurse-midwife (CNM) or midwife (CM), a re-certification program for CNMs or CMs to assist certificants to fulfill their professional responsibilities to maintain competence, and through professional discipline. In 2012, AMCB completed a move to a new space in the same office building. This move will allow AMCB to improve services to certificants including enhancements to the website, certificants maintenance program and networking capabilities. AMCB released the findings of the Task Analysis, completed under the leadership of Marie Hastings-Tolsma, CNM, PhD, outgoing Chairperson of the Research Committee. Through the guidance of Sue Spiry, Consumer Board Member, AMCB began distributing press releases through PR Newswire.

As operations increase in efficiency and with the move of all CNM/CMs to time-limited certificates, the AMCB Board of Directors determined that a decrease in the Annual Maintenance Fee was financially sound. Fees were reduced from \$65 to \$55 annually. Prepaid accounts were adjusted accordingly. AMCB will continue to monitor the fee structure to minimize financial burden to certificants whenever possible.

Year of Recertification	# Of Certificants Eligible to Recertify	% Recertified	# Chose to be put in Retirement Category
2006	551	93%	
2007	495	93.7%	
2008	458	92.1%	
2009	427	93.4%	
2010	402	90%	
2011	1563	84.4%	87 (5.6%)
2012	2748	77.4%	115 (4.2%)

*Beginning in 2011 all certificants were required to begin recertifying. Before this, anyone certified prior to 1996 did not have to meet recertification requirements.

The national certification exam (NCE) has now been administered via computer-based testing (CBT) for 8 years. In collaboration with AMCB’s testing partner, Applied Measurement Professionals (AMP), the NCE continues to be available 52 weeks of the year, 5 days each week and at least one Saturday per month, at 170 sites serving all 50 states of the U.S. Candidates for certification are able to take the examination at their convenience at any of AMP’s testing sites as soon as their application is approved. Candidates receive official pass/fail results at the conclusion of their examination. AMCB issues wallet-sized certification cards in addition to certificates for ease in documenting current certification.

Once again, the number of newly certified CNMs and CMs increased over the previous year. This is the largest number of newly certified CNM/CMs since 2000. The overall pass rate on the NCE for first-time candidates in 2012 was 87.5%, which is consistent with previous years.

Year	First Time Candidates	Total New CNM/CM	New CNM	New CM	Annual % Increase or (Decrease) in new CNM/CM
2000		458	451	7	N/A
2001		428	422	6	(6.6%)
2002		402	400	2	(6.1%)
2003		340	335	5	(15.4%)
2004		356	341	15	4.5%
2005	297	299	293	6	(16%)
2006	307	295	291	4	(1.3%)
2007	281	287	285	2	(2.7%)
2008	342	320	318	2	10.3%
2009	332	325	323	2	1.5%
2010	371	344	339	5	5.5%
2011	419	398	392	6	13.6%
2012	488	474	467	7	16% ^ξ

Note: Total New CNM/CM includes successful first time and repeat testing
^ξ Overall increase since 2000, 3.4%

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