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Get your national certification as a CPM

via

NARM
North American Registry of Midwives

What Is A CPM



A Certified Professional Midwife (CPM)[®] is a knowledgeable, skilled and professional independent midwifery practitioner who has met the standards for certification set by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) and is qualified

to provide the Midwives Model of Care. The CPM is the only midwifery credential that requires knowledge about and experience in out-of-hospital settings.

Did you know that Licensed Midwives can work as Independent Providers?



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Licensed Midwives can have their own Home Birth Practices



Licensed Midwives can also be hired by Birth Centers Throughout the State



Jenkinson, B., Josey, N., & Kruske, S. (2014). BirthSpace: An evidence-based guide to birth environment design.

- Those people who give birth at home or in a birth center depict the experience as ‘spiritual’ and ‘sensual’, categorizing it as a passionate birth, as compared to those who birth in hospitals. Considering this, the encouragement of intimate environments, particularly home births when it is clinically indicated, is the most supportive environment for positive birth experiences.



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Learn in a Diverse Environment at South Florida's
International Institute for Health Care Professionals





Dr. Emilie Razafikely
IIHCP Founder/CEO/President
&
Dr. Noedet Razafikely
IIHCP Co-Founder/CFO

IIHCP was founded, and is owned and managed, by Drs. Noedet (“Pierre”) and Emilie Razafikely. Dr. Emilie is from Haiti, while Dr. Pierre hails from Madagascar. The Drs. Razafikely are both foreign educated physicians who received their medical education in France. Once in the US, they recognized the needs of foreign professionals transitioning into the American health care system. From their own experiences, the Institute was established to offer various education tracks in the health careers. This historical purpose has led to offering a variety of health education programs for foreign and domestic individuals seeking to make meaningful contributions to the quality of US health care services.



Hilary Schlinger, CNM, MS, RN, CPM-ret
Midwifery Program Director

Hilary Schlinger spent over four decades as a home birth midwife and political advocate for midwifery and community birth before turning her efforts to midwifery education. She became a Licensed Midwife in New Mexico in 1982, and in New York in 2002. She has attended approximately 1000 home and birth center births. After becoming a CNM in 2001, she went on to provide full service reproductive healthcare for hundreds of people both in clinics and private practice. Hilary served as the Direct-Entry Midwife Program Director at Southwest Wisconsin Technical College prior to becoming the Midwifery Program Director at the International Institute for Health Care Professionals. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University, an Associate of Science in Nursing from Regents College, an Associate in Midwifery from the National College of Midwifery, and a Master of Science in Midwifery from Philadelphia University.



Sheila Simms Watson, LM, CPM, MPH
Midwifery Clinical Coordinator

Sheila Simms Watson began her midwifery journey first by apprenticing and becoming a Traditional Midwife in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, where she practiced from 1991-1996. After relocating to California she attained her CPM credential. She later moved to Florida, where she received an Associate of Science Degree in Midwifery from Miami Dade College. In addition, Sheila holds a Bachelor Degree from Montclair State University, and a Masters in Public Health from Florida International University. She works at Spirit of Life, an independent home birth practice in Miami, FL, and is involved in multiple national organizations advocating for midwifery, particularly focused on the promotion of midwifery within the Black community. She works closely with the Southern Birth Justice Network, and has been instrumental in the organizing of Mobile Midwife in Miami.

IIHCP Faculty Instructors



Jamarah Amani, LM, CLC
Midwifery Instructor

Jamarah Amani came to midwifery via the path of social justice, through understanding the social determinants of health. She worked for the Black Infant Health Project in California and Sister Love in Atlanta, listening to and learning from Black women. She is currently the director of Southern Birth Justice Network, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization working to expand the Birth Justice movement and to make midwifery and doula care accessible to all. She is also the founder of National Black Midwives Alliance, the only national professional association specifically for midwives of African descent. Jamarah studied Africana Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, Women's Studies at Clark Atlanta University, and Midwifery at the International School of Midwifery. Jamarah is also a Certified Lactation Consultant.



Connie Mullen, LM, CPM, ICCE
Midwifery Instructor

Connie Mullen has been childbirth professional for over 34 years, including in private midwifery practice since 1995. For many years she was the only practicing home birth midwife in Palm Beach County. After graduating from the South Florida School of Midwifery in 1990, Connie became a Florida Licensed Midwife, CPM, Certified Childbirth Educator and an American Heart Association Basic Life Support Instructor. In addition, she holds certificates as a childbirth assistant, bereavement doula, breastfeeding specialist, and fitness instructor. She was the Regional Coordinator and teacher trainer with the Florida Outreach Childbirth Education Program, served as a midwife preceptor for the Traditional School of Midwifery and served as a midwife preceptor for the Miami-Dade Community College Midwifery program.



Janice Heller, MMS, LM, AP
Midwifery Instructor

Janice Heller has had a homebirth practice since 1978, and in the past 40 years has assisted approximately 2000 families, serving two generations, to birth their babies in the comfort and safety of their own homes or local birth centers. She is both a Licensed Midwife and an Acupuncture Physician, and has also practiced Homeopathy for the last 25 years. Janice holds degrees from Miami Dade College, the South Florida School of Midwifery, and Nova Southeastern University. She says she does not deliver babies. "I assist people in giving birth. I am a supporter and observer of the birthing process." Janice has taught within multiple midwifery programs in the state of Florida.



Agueda Beck, CNM
Midwifery Instructor

Agueda Beck became a nurse in 2011, and a CNM in 2018. As she practiced as a nurse or midwife in hospitals, clinics, and homes, she became increasingly passionate about prevention of illness and the use of natural methods to improve wellness of mothers, babies and the general population. Agueda has worked at the Hollywood Birth Center and in the independent MidWise practice, attending home births and providing holistic health services. In her own words, "I am devoted to providing access to quality care for underserved communities. I am proud to call myself a midwife and I intend to continue the tradition of caring for families in my community as my ancestors once did."



Jorge Urdaneta, LM
Midwifery Instructor

Jorge Urdaneta is from Maracaibo, Venezuela, where he formerly practiced as an OB/GYN, working in the field for almost 20 years. He was also a professor in the University of Zulia where he taught obstetrics and gynecology to a new generation of physicians and specialists. When he decided to come to the US he followed a career path into Midwifery, which he felt would allow him to continue to serve mothers and babies in a compassionate, respectful style. Jorge graduated from the Commonsense Childbirth School of Midwifery, where he also is a member of the adjunct faculty. He currently serves as a staff midwife at the Hollywood Birth Center, in addition to working in his own independent midwifery practice, South Florida Midwifery Services, and assisting other midwives in the greater Miami area.



Lydmyla Maslych
Doula, Childbirth Education
and Breastfeeding Instructor

Lydmyla Maslych began her journey as a birth worker in her native Ukraine, where she was trained in the UNICEF Breastfeeding and Baby Care train-the-trainers program. She went on to attain certification via the International Doula Institute and in Breastfeeding Counseling in the US, as well as certification as a Massage Therapist. Lydmyla has a Bachelor's Degree in Cultural Studies and a Masters in Sociology. She is the owner of Moon & Mallow Doula Services and the administrator of a home healthcare agency in South Florida.



P. Fadwah Halaby, CNM
Midwifery Instructor

Fadwah Halaby is the owner and founder of Midwife360, a home birth midwifery service also offering routine care for women. She has a BS with an emphasis in Nutrition from The Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA. In the 1980's and 90's she studied childbirth education and then received homebirth training in Colorado. Her certificate in Nurse-Midwifery is from Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing, attained in 2005. Once she completed midwifery school, she worked for a very busy OB/GYN group where she assisted over 1600 women to give birth at 2 hospitals in Palm Beach County, and frequently saw over 500 women in the office every month. It is her intimacy with the medical model of care that made her a passionate advocate for birth at home. She is confident that when supported in a physiologic manner, pregnant people will birth gracefully, with freedom into the loving embrace of their families.



Laurie Silberstein, CM, MS
Midwifery Instructor

Laurie Silberstein has been involved in childbirth for over 25 years, first as a childbirth educator, doula, and breastfeeding counselor, and then as one of the first CM's in the US. She has a Bachelors degree in Psychology from Kent State University, a Certificate in Midwifery from SUNY Downstate, and a Masters in Midwifery from Philadelphia University. She was a staff midwife at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY, the Assistant Director of Midwifery at Brookdale University Hospital Medical Center, and a women's healthcare provider at the Morris Heights Health Center in Bronx, NY. She also has experience in clinical informatics and as a senior clinical analyst as well as serving as a clinical legal consultant, and is certified in Women's Integrative Medicine and as a Women's Sexual Health Provider. Laurie considers herself to be a change agent for healthcare.



Debbie Marin, LM
Midwifery Instructor

Debbie Marin is the owner of Hollywood Birth Center and has been a licensed midwife since 1995. Debbie has been instrumental in helping to change the midwifery law to allow more licensed midwives to practice in Florida. She has served as president of the Broward chapter of Friends of Midwives. She wrote a midwifery curriculum that was implemented in the National School of Technology in South Florida and was the clinical director, administrator, teacher and a student in that program. She has dedicated her life to empowering women and keeping birth safe.



Valessa Joseph, APRN
Health Skills Instructor

Valessa Joseph graduated as an RN in April 2007, from Nova Southeastern University (NSU). After working in the neuro-telemetry unit at Broward Health North, she transferred to Florida Medical Center, where she worked in both the renal and neuro-intensive care units. She completed a nurse practitioner program at Indiana State University and received her M.S.N. in 2012. In addition to having a private practice as a Family Nurse Practitioner, she serves as an adjunct instructor at IIHCP teaching basic healthcare skills.

IIHCP Midwifery Programs
include classes in Theory,
Simulation Lab
and Clinical Practicums



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Midwifery Students use the IIHCP Simulation Lab



The Midwifery Program also has its own Midwifery Simulation Room





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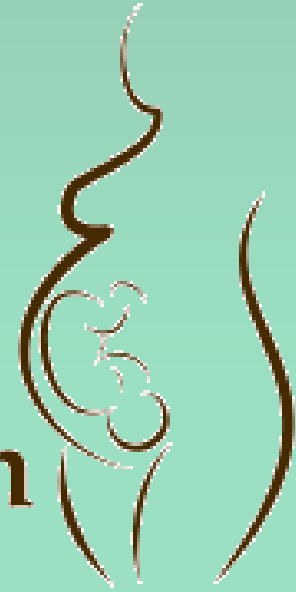
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