

AMCB Certification Maintenance Webinar

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AMCB's Mission

To protect and serve the public by establishing and maintaining the certification standards for individuals educated in the profession of midwifery.

Questions? Call 866-366-9632

ACNM Certification Council, Inc.

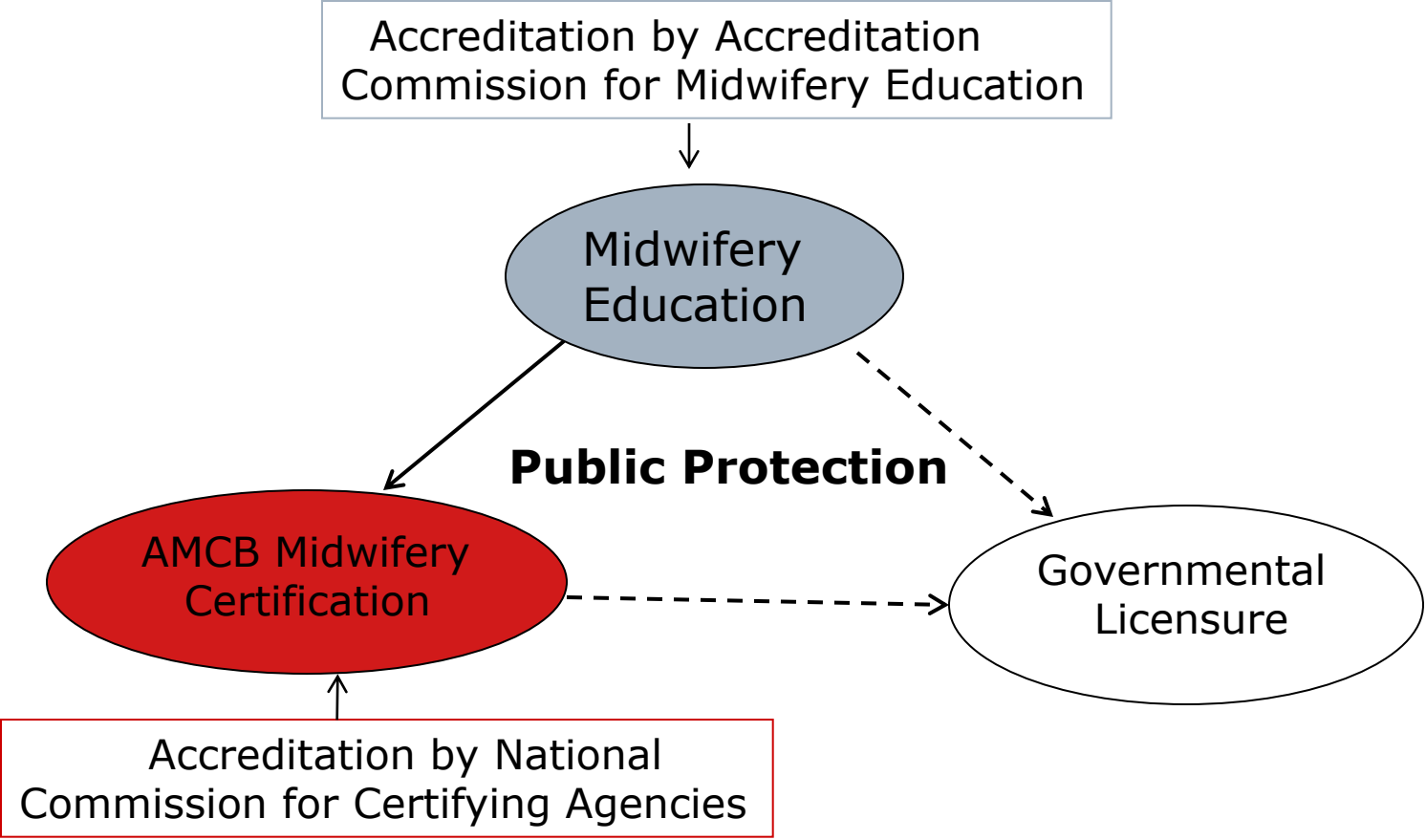
- Incorporated in 1990
- An independent organization with its own:
 - Articles of incorporation
 - Bylaws
 - Board of Directors
 - Staff & office

Role of Certification in Public Protection

- Evidence of entry-level competency
- Evidence of continuing competency
- Professional discipline for unsafe or unscrupulous practice



Professional Public Protection



AMCB needed to become accredited

- ❑ In order for its certification process to be nationally recognized, AMCB needed to become accredited itself
- ❑ Currently accredited by the National Commission of Certifying Agencies (NCCA)





NCCA Standards

- #6. A certification program must establish, publish, apply, and periodically review key certification policies and procedures concerning existing and prospective certificants such as those for determining eligibility criteria; . . . ; establishing performance domains, appeals, confidentiality, certification statistics, and *discipline*; . . .
- #19. The certification program must require **periodic recertification** and establish, publish, apply and periodically review policies and procedures for recertification.



Factors influencing decision for mandatory recertification include

- Increasing pressure to improve ongoing assessment of competency
 - Consumer pressure - AARP
 - National Reports and Studies
 - IOM's "To Err is Human"
- Requirement for NCCA certification
- NCSBN requirement for mandatory certification maintenance with cycle length ≤ 5 yr



Current Certification Maintenance Program (CMP)

- Cycle length: 5 years
- Requirements:
 - Annually updating personal information and CE activities
 - Completion of 20 hours CE in 5 years
 - ACNM or ACCME CEUs accepted or alternatives
 - Completion of 3 CMP modules: one in each of the practice areas
 - Active licensure as midwife or nurse
- Cost: \$65/year

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What, Where, Hows of Modules

- Updates in EACH of the three areas of practice: Antepartum, Intrapartum / Newborn and Postpartum, and Gynecology and Primary Care of the Well-Woman
- Each module contains a list of references and learning objectives from 16-20 articles with an open book multiple choice test
 - Available for download from www.amcbmidwife.org homepage
- Cost included in Annual Activity Fee

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What, Where, Hows of Modules

- Module exam graded two times per year
 - April 1st and October 1st
- Answer sheets may be mailed anytime prior to the deadlines
- Article sets of all included references available for purchase from AMCB for \$65
 - Most of cost related to copyright permissions

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Changes for those currently in CMP

- ❑ No changes for those whose current cycles expire between 2011 and 2015
- ❑ For those whose cycle expires 12/2016, your cycle will now expire in 12/2015.
- ❑ Everyone's next cycle will only be for 5 years.
 - 3 modules and 20 hrs CE over 5 yrs
- ❑ Cost has decreased from \$90 to \$65 per year

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Overview for those transitioning to CMP who were certified prior to 1/1/1996

- Requirements and recertification date for 1st CMP cycle are specific to your CCA cycle or year you were initially certified

- YOUR requirements may be different than your colleagues
 - Refer to **YOUR** Annual Activity Report

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Requirements for those transitioning from CCA to CMP

Current CCA Cycle	Certification expiration	Requirements Option 1 OR Option 2	
		Option 1	Option 2
07/11	12-31-2011	50 hrs CE	1 module + 20 hrs CE
08/12	12-31-2012	50 hrs CE	2 modules + 20 hrs CE
09/13	12-31-2013	----	2 modules + 20 hrs CE
10/14	12-31-2014	----	2 modules + 20 hrs CE

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Requirements for those certified prior to 1996 and not enrolled in CCA

Certified in year ending in:	Certification expiration	Module requirement	CE hrs required in previous 5 years
0 or 9	12-31-2015	3	20
1 or 5	12-31-2014	3	20
2 or 8	12-31-2013	2	20
3 or 7	12-31-2012	2	20
4 or 6	12-31-2011	1	20

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CE alternatives

AMCB uses the same criteria as ACNM's CCA program e.g.

CEs must be at Advanced Practice level

- Midwifery student precepting – 10 hrs for 90 hrs precepting
- Enrollment in a clinical educational program pertinent to midwifery practice – 10 hrs
- Peer review for local ACNM peer review or clinical practice peer review – 10 hrs.

CE Alternatives (cont)

- ❑ Formal presentation on a midwifery clinical topic –CEUs for 2x presentation length awarded up to maximum of 10 hrs.
- ❑ Primary author of midwifery related clinical article or chapter in a peer reviewed publication – 10 hrs.
- ❑ Peer review for a refereed publication related to midwifery or women's health e.g. *Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health* 1 hr per article up to 15 hours

Complete list: <http://www.amcbmidwife.org/c/168/>

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What if my certification lapses?

- ❑ Pay the exam fee (previous fees paid into CMP do not apply to exam fee),
- ❑ Pass the exam (CBT), and
- ❑ Submit an average of 10 ACNM / ACCME continuing education contact hours per year since the date of last certification, to recertify.
 - CNMs/CMs are eligible to sit for the exam for two years (24 months) from the date of the completed application.



Verifications of CMP Cycle

- ❑ AMCB is currently updating expiration dates on website for all certificants
- ❑ In meantime, if you need verification, please contact AMCB office

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