

Certified Nurse Midwife Job Description

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Responsible for providing and managing the care of women during labor and delivery
- Ensures to obtain accurate medical, obstetrical, gynecological, and psycho-social history of the present pregnancy and observes signs of the member's general and obstetrical health status
- Responsible for carrying out complete physical examinations, including the pap smear, breast examination, abdominal examination, pelvic examination, and clinical pelvimetry
- Responsible for documenting all findings of examinations, histories, and significant observations in the patient's chart
- Responsible for determining pregnancy status during gestation, fetal heart rate, and presentation and position of fetus
- Applies knowledge to determine whether all findings are within normal limits
- Orders appropriate laboratory examinations, including ultrasound, blood type, chest X-ray, CBC, urinalysis, Rh factor, and serology tests
- Provides advance patient care by consulting with and obtaining orders from an obstetrician for any special care or diagnostic procedure and refers to other services as necessary
- Obtains consultation and assistance from physicians as needed to institute preventative measures and detect abnormal conditions
- Provides teaching, counseling, and guidance to individual members regarding their health care
- Applies judgment to determine the need for social services, genetics or mental health services, and refers as appropriate
- Provides assessment on patient's general and obstetrical health status
- Responsible for the provision of health supervisory services, care and family planning advice to women during antepartum and postpartum periods

- Performs procedures such as abdominal palpation and ultrasound examinations to evaluate fetal status; estimate fetal weight, presentation and position, approximate station and fetal heart rate
- Performs internal and external fetal monitoring and interpretation
- Consults with obstetrician regarding abnormal findings
- Determines patients' degree of labor and whether they are to be hospitalized to labor and delivery unit
- Conducts normal spontaneous vaginal deliveries independently
- Provides assistance prior to cesarean sections and gynecological surgeries
- Undertakes immediate care of the newborn
- Provides prenatal care as well as gynecological care to women.

Certified Nurse Midwife Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities

- Education: CNMs require a minimum of Master's degree and must be a graduate of an accredited school/university of nurse-midwifery with clinical experience
- License and certification: They must possess a current Registered Nurse license (RN) in the applicable state and must possess certification by the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) or the ACNM Certification Council. They also require a current CPR certification, and current certification in Neonatal Resuscitation
- Knowledge: They require advance knowledge in obstetrics, gynecology, and women's health
- They should also be credentialed at CHMC as an Allied Health member of the Department of OB/GYN, and certification in Limited OB ultrasound may also be required
- Active listening and communications skills: Certified nurse midwives require great oral and written communication skills to work effectively with people and relate with patients. They must also be able to listen to patients with empathy and genuine care
- Coaching skills: Their job description requires them to provide counsel and health education to patients, new moms, staff, interns, etc. hence

they must be able to pass educative and informative messages in a clear and concise manner to all

- Sound Judgment: They require this skill to apply initiative, consult with obstetricians, and refer patients when necessary
- Collaborative skills: They must be able to work effectively in a team oriented and interdisciplinary environment
- Compassionate: They also require a compassionate and caring attitude to deal with women who are in pain, and enjoy working with women from diverse backgrounds from teenage to menopause.