

NARM and Accreditation: FAQ

The Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) credential is accredited by the National Commission on Certifying Agencies (NCCA), the certifying arm of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE), formerly the National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA).

Accreditation by the NCCA requires an extensive evaluation of the development and administration of the credential. The NCCA sets national standards for these required components of an accredited credential:

- ▶ The Job or Task Analysis that determines the knowledge and skills to be assessed
- ▶ The linking of the results of the Job Analysis to the test blueprint
- ▶ The item writing process to develop a bank of appropriate questions for the exam
- ▶ The cut-score process to set the passing score for each version of the exam
- ▶ The equating process to assure validity of each form of the exam
- ▶ Item analysis and statistical evaluation of test performance to assure reliability of scores
- ▶ Appropriate reporting of scores and assumptions made on the basis of scores
- ▶ Appropriate testing management and consultation with professional psychometricians

In addition, the NCCA evaluates the accrediting agency to assure that standards are met for:

- Governance, Board of Directors, Organization, Financial Stability, and Resources
- Published Policies and Procedures for Applications, Testing, Appeals, Confidentiality, Accountability, Discipline, Non-discrimination, Test Security, Records Retention, and Recertification
- Published description of assessment instruments including development and validation, eligibility, and administration
- Analyzed, defined, and published performance domains related to the purpose of the credential and the knowledge, skills, and abilities related to the performance domains
- Yearly evaluation of test statistics including pass/fail rate, passing point, average score, standard error of measurement, standard deviation, and reliability estimate such as a Kuder-Richardson score.

The NCCA has accredited over 251 credentials offered by 108 accrediting organizations, most of them in the health care field.

Other credentials accredited by the NCCA include:

Certified Nurse-Midwife

Certified Midwife

Certified Critical Care Nurse

Certified Case Management Nurse

Certified Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner

Certified Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse

Certified Inpatient Obstetrical Nurse

Certified Respiratory Therapist

Registered Occupational Therapist

Certified Orthopedic Technologist

Certified Master Addictions Counselor

Certification in Infection Control

Certified Dietary Manager

Registered Dietician

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Registered Clinical Exercise Physiologist

Certified Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Certified Adult Nurse Practitioner

Certified Cardiac/Vascular Nurse

Certified Family Nurse Practitioner

Certified Gerontological Nurse Practitioner

Certified Medical-Surgical Nurse

Basic and Advanced Nursing Administration

Certified Pediatric Nurse

Certified Perinatal Nurse

Certified Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse

Certified Safety Professional

Certified Financial Planner

Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer

Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer

Registered Vascular Technologist

Certification in Nuclear Medicine Technology

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