

Testimony of Lucinda Farina re: HB496

Talking Points

- I am an interested party. I represent the Board of Directors for the Ohio ACNM Affiliate.
- I am employed full time at the Frontier Nursing University,
- I have 7 years experience as an educator in Advanced Practice Nursing – CNM as well as 12 years of precepting experience for student CNMs, WHNPs, AGNPs, and FNPs.
- I am a member of The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF). This organization is specifically devoted to promoting high quality advanced practice nurse education.
- NONPF strategic goal is to enhance the Quality & Consistency of APRN Programs
- I support the licensing of CPMs who have been educated and examined in Ohio
- My concern is not with the CPMs who attend an accredited school of midwifery that meets Midwifery Education Accreditation Council standards. My concern is with the apprenticeship model of entry to practice.
- Schools of midwifery, whether they are for nurse midwives or professional midwives are accredited and submit to periodic evaluation of their curriculum, pass rates, and number of graduates for accrediting bodies.
- There is no oversight for the apprenticeship model. There are no set measures for attainment of theoretical knowledge.
- Midwifery students who attend schools of midwifery are taught and evaluated by many professionals who are content experts.
- Midwifery students who have an apprenticeship with one preceptor are evaluated by only that preceptor.
- Nurse Midwife students must complete all didactic work with a score of at least 80% to progress. Students with less than 80% are not permitted to continue.
- There is no objective mechanism to identify students who should not continue in the apprenticeship model.

Differences in CNM and CPM Education (refer to ACNM Comparison of Certified Nurse Midwives, Certified Midwives, and Certified Professional Midwives handout)

- The Certified Nurse Midwife minimum entry to practice is a Master's Degree which includes 1000 clinical hours (in addition to the thousands of hours of experience as an RN)
- The Certified Professional Midwife minimum entry to practice is a high school diploma and an apprenticeship with a practicing midwife.
- Per ACNM, Certified Nurse Midwives must participate in additional education and obtain additional certification to do advanced procedures such as ultrasound, frenectomy, and first assist.

The Bridge Certificate does not meet MEAC standards

Maintaining Certification

- Continuing certification for CNMs requires 20 Category 1 continuing educational units AND Submission of the three CMP Module tests worth 60 ceus:
 - Antepartum and Primary Care of the Pregnant Woman;
 - Intrapartum, Newborn, and Postpartum;
 - and Gynecology and Primary Care of the Well-Woman
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 - Benchmarking and submitting our individual practice statistics do not count for CNM ceus
 - Just submitting CPM practice statistics counts for ceus to recertify