

CHAPTER 33 — MIDWIFERY JOINT COMMITTEE

SECTION .0100 – MIDWIFERY JOINT COMMITTEE

21 NCAC 33 .0101 ADMINISTRATIVE BODY AND DEFINITIONS

(a) Pursuant to G.S. 90, Article 10A, the Midwifery Joint Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "Committee" is the administrative body responsible for the regulation of midwifery. The certified nurse midwife shall hereinafter be referred to as "CNM".

(b) In addition to the definitions set forth in G.S. 90-178.2, the following shall apply to the rules in this Chapter:

- (1) "American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB)" means the national certifying body for candidates in nurse-midwifery and midwifery who have received their graduate level education in programs accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education.
- (2) "Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME)" means an accreditation agency established to advance and promote midwifery education.
- (3) "American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM)" means the professional association that represents CNMs and certified midwives (CMs) in the United States.
- (4) "American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)" means the professional membership organization for obstetrician-gynecologists that produces practice guidelines for health care professionals and educational materials for patients, provides practice management and career support, facilitates program and initiatives to improve women's health, and advocates for members and patients.
- (5) "Obstetrics" means the branch of medicine that deals with birth and with its antecedents and sequels, including prenatal, intrapartum, postpartum, newborn or gynecology, and otherwise unspecified primary health services for women.
- (6) "Professional competence" means the continuing education courses required for the CNM to maintain their national certification. It also includes the additional continuing education courses which provide education and skills specific to midwifery practice.

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