

Educating Nurse-Midwives for New Mexico: Outcomes of the #3 Ranked Program in the US

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A Navajo birth sash
aids the mother's
expulsive efforts

Meeting our mission to educate certified nurse-midwives (CNMs) to care for rural and underserved populations

- Midwifery students are Bachelor's - prepared RNs.
- Most students are placed out of ABQ metro area for 2/3 of clinical rotations.
- Total clinical hours = 1050



- Graduates earn a Master's of Science in Nursing (MSN) with a concentration in nurse-midwifery, are eligible to sit the national certification examination and can be licensed in all 50 states
- 98% national certification exam first time pass rate (US average 88%)
 - 100% total pass rate

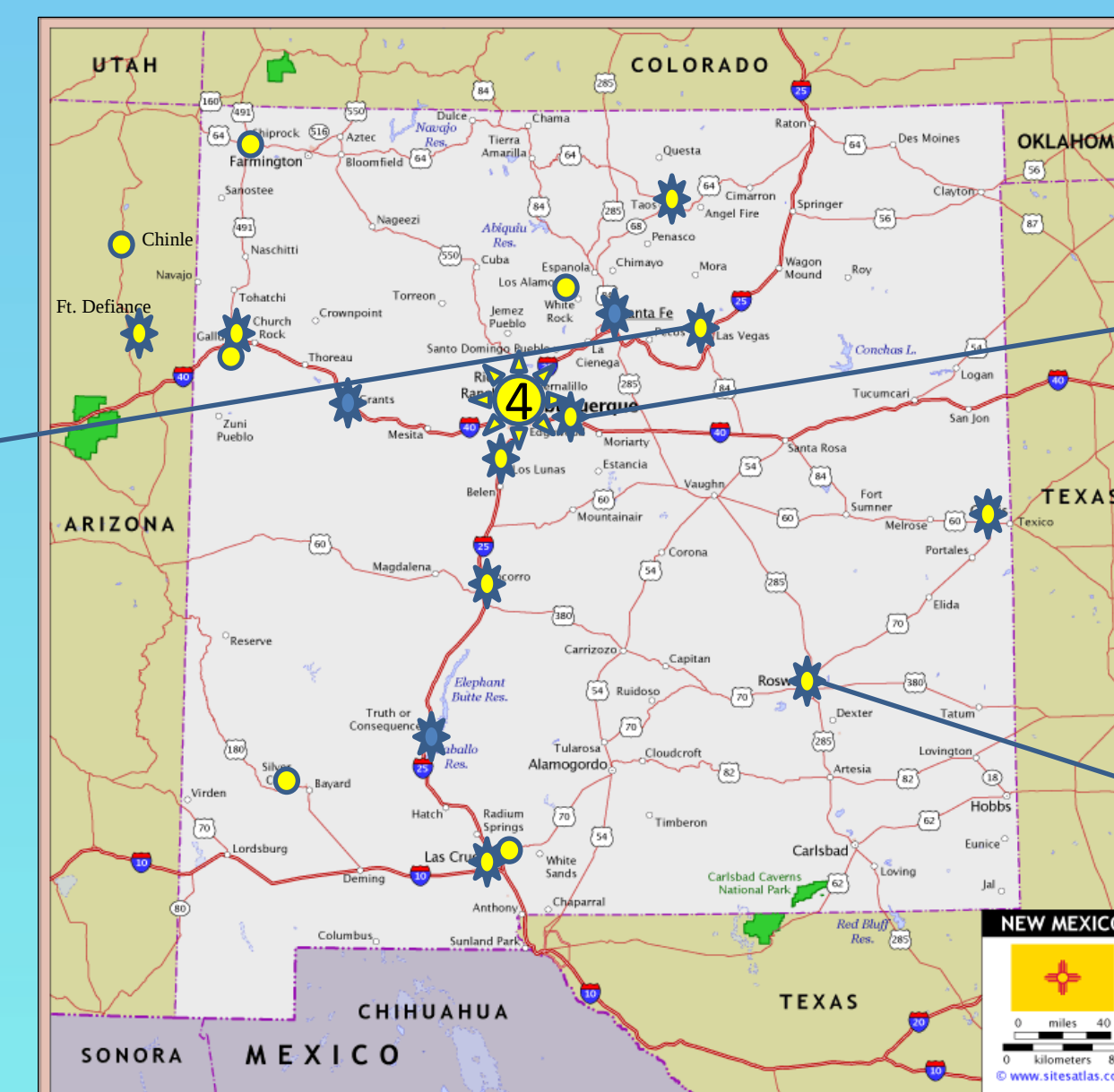


Of course midwives deliver babies. Do you know they do prenatal & postpartum care as well as non-operative gynecology too?



UNM Midwifery Graduates

- 123 total graduates 1993-2010
- 82% of 1996-2009 cohorts (n=100) work in rural or underserved* practices nationwide
- 63% have given service to New Mexico women
- 8 started rural New Mexico practices
- More than 2/3 of the CNM practices in New Mexico have ≥ 1 UNM graduate
- 1/3 of CNMs practicing in New Mexico are UNM graduates



★ UNM grad(s) ● Midwife preceptor (s) ★ Preceptor (s) also UNM grad

In New Mexico, CNMs are licensed independent practitioners and primary care providers.



Growth of Nurse-Midwifery Practices in New Mexico

- 1988: CNMs in 6 cities
- 2010: CNMs in 16 cities and 17 hospitals
- All New Mexico hospitals with maternity services utilize CNMs, with the exception of Springer and Raton