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

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

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

* Underserved: clientele > 51% Medicaid / uninsured or ethnic / cultural minority

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