The Midwifery Bridge Certificate

Created by NARM to meet the criteria required for licensure support by the US MERA organizations
1. For the licensure of CPMs who obtain certification after January 1, 2020, in states with new licensure laws, all applicants for licensure will be required to have completed an educational program or pathway accredited by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC) and obtained the CPM credential.
2. For CPMs who obtained certification through an educational pathway not accredited by MEAC:

* a. **CPMs certified before January 1, 2020,** through a non-accredited pathway will be required to obtain the Midwifery Bridge Certificate issued by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) in order to apply for licensure in states using the US MERA language for licensure, or

* b. **CPMs who have maintained licensure** in a state that does not require an accredited education may obtain the Midwifery Bridge Certificate regardless of the date of their certification in order to apply for licensure in a state that includes the US MERA language for licensure.
The US MERA licensure language has not been passed yet in any state, though Maryland and Delaware did pass laws based on the intent of MERA.

Expected to be included in legislation introduced in late 2015 and into 2016: Michigan, Kentucky, South Dakota, Alabama, Maine; likely in North Carolina, Illinois.
What is required for the MBC?

- 50 accredited CEUs, including:
  - 15 CEUs in maternal emergencies
    Hands-on, such as BEST, ALSO
    other, such as Hemorrhage, shoulder dystocia, suturing
  - 15 CEUs in newborn emergencies
    Hands on, such as Neonatal Resuscitation
    other, such as Fetal heart monitoring, postpartum
  - 20 CEUs in other specified topics
FAQ

- The MBC is not required for CPM certification.
- NARM will not require any CPM to get the MBC.
- No state currently requires the MBC, though several require an accredited education.
- NARM will continue to offer certification through all routes, including PEP.
- The MBC does not replace recertification.
All CEUs that apply to the MBC must be obtained within five years of application.

If CEUs are submitted are older than five years, the application will be returned.

There is no expiration date for the MBC.

States may add their own language about currency of the MBC.
CPMs have always been required to get continuing education for recertification.

The difference is:

- CPM recertification requires 30 hours in three years.
- The MBC requires 50 accredited hours in five years.
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