

**148I.1 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Board*” means the board of nursing created pursuant to [chapter 147](#).
  2. “*Certified nurse midwife*” or “*CNM*” means a registered nurse who holds a current, valid certification from the American midwifery certification board.
  3. “*Certified professional midwife*” or “*CPM*” means a person who holds a current, valid certification with the North American registry of midwives or its successor organization.
  4. “*Client*” means a person under the care of a midwife and such person’s fetus or newborn.
  5. “*Licensed midwife*” means a person licensed under [this chapter](#) to practice midwifery in Iowa.
  6. “*Midwife*” means a person practicing midwifery.
  7. “*Midwifery*” means the practice of providing primary maternity care to a client during the preconception, antepartum, intrapartum, and postpartum periods and newborn care up to six weeks.
  8. “*Midwifery bridge certificate*” or “*MBC*” means a certificate issued by the North American registry of midwives or its successor organization that documents completion of accredited continuing education for certified professional midwives based upon identified areas to address education in emergency skills and other competencies set by the international confederation of midwives.
- [2023 Acts, ch 127, §4](#)