

KIM PEKIN

EDUCATION

DM	Thomas Jefferson University Midwifery	May 2024 to May 2027 (anticipated)
MS	Thomas Jefferson University Midwifery	August 2022 to May 2024
BSN	George Mason University Accelerated BSN Program	August 2021 to August 2022
Certificate	National Midwifery Institute Direct Entry Midwifery MEAC-accredited program	October 2007 to October 2009
BBA	Pacific Lutheran University Business Administration with an Emphasis in Accounting	May 1994

CERTIFICATIONS

CNM	Certified Nurse-Midwife American Midwifery Certification Board	May 2024
CPM	Certified Professional Midwife North American Registry of Midwives	November 2009
Instructor	American Academy of Pediatrics	Anticipated March 2026

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Origin Health & Birth Center Midwife/Owner Owner and director of midwifery practice in Casper, Wyoming	April 2026 to present
Simmonds, Martin & Helmbrecht Midwife	August 2025 to February 2026
Centreville OBGYN Midwife	August 2024 to February 2025
Premier Birth Center Clinical Director/Owner	May 2016 to May 2024
• Owner of two CABC-accredited freestanding birth centers. • Performed midwifery care at the birth centers and at home, including antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum, and normal newborn care. • Supervised a staff of 20 people, including Certified Professional Midwives, Certified Nurse-Midwives, Registered Nurses, and administrative staff. • Created and maintained policies and procedures consistent with the American Association of Birth Centers Standards for Birth Centers. • Supervised quarterly clinical emergency drills. • Performed sentinel event reviews.	

Birth Outside the Box

February 2015 to May 2016

Midwife/Owner

- Provided midwifery-model care for antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum, and normal newborns in the home setting.

NOVA Natural Birth Center

Staff Midwife/Co-Owner

July 2011 to February 2015

- Co-managed a midwifery practice, supervising a staff of 10 people.
- Established innovative collaborative relationship with an obstetrician. This relationship increased safety for people choosing to give birth in the community setting.
- Created policies and procedures.
- Provided midwifery-model care for antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum, and normal newborns in the home and freestanding birth center setting.

Birth by Design

Staff Midwife

October 2009 to July 2011

- Provided midwifery-model care for antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum, and normal newborns in the home setting.

Natural Family Boutique

President

August 2003 to December 2007

- Created a national direct-selling business with over 500 sales consultants.
- Created and published semi-annual catalog.
- Managed customer service issues through online help desk
- Developed product line.
- Supervised shipping staff.

OmniTrax

Senior Accounting Analyst

June 1994 to August 1995

- Created inventory system for network of short line railroads.
- Managed accounts payable department.

Doria Accounting

Staff Accountant

February 1992 to June 1994

- Provided small business accounting services.
- Prepared income tax returns for small businesses and individuals.

LEADERSHIP, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Virginia Maternal Mortality Review Team	
Member, Representing Virginia Midwives Alliance	2024-present
North American Registry of Midwives	
Board of Directors Chairperson	2023-2024
Board of Directors Vice Chairperson	2020-2022
Director of Professional Development	2017-2024
Director of Special Projects	2015-2017
Commission for the Accreditation of Birth Centers	
Commissioner	2019-2020
Co-Chairperson, Alongside Midwifery Unit Ad Hoc Committee	2019
Virginia Newborn Screening Advisory Committee	
Board Member	2017-present
American Association of Birth Centers	
Standards Committee Member	2017-present
National Association of Certified Professional Midwives	
Member, Competencies Team	2017-present
March for Moms	
Founding Committee Member	2017
Commonwealth of Virginia Midwifery Advisory Board	
Chair	2015-2020
Vice Chair	2013-2015
US MERA	
Observer	2015
Representative	2014
Virginia Midwives Alliance	
Legislative & Public Relations Director	2022-present
Vice President	2014-2017
Director of Education	2011-2015
Healthy Mothers Healthy Birth Initiative	
Co-Founder/Co-Organizer	2011
La Leche League International	
Coordinator of Leader Accreditation for VA/WV	2002-2003
Leader	2001-2003

JOURNAL PUBLICATION

Marzalik, P. R., Feltham, K. J., Jefferson, K., & Pekin, K. (2018). **Midwifery education in the U.S. - Certified Nurse-Midwife, Certified Midwife and Certified Professional Midwife.** *Midwifery*, 60, 9–12.

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Speaker/Panelist, “Out of Hospital Newborn CCHD Screening Webinar,” Virginia Department of Health and University of Virginia, March 23, 2016

Speaker/Panelist, “Hiring & Scheduling for a Balanced Work/Life,” American Association of Birth Centers Birth Institute, September 25, 2016.

Speaker/Panelist, “Risk Management: Risk Criteria,” American Association of Birth Centers Birth Institute, October 7, 2017.

Speaker, “NARM Midwifery Preceptor Webinar,” GOLD Learning Online Continuing Education, October 1, 2018.

Speaker/Panelist, “I’m Accredited, Now What,” American Association of Birth Centers Birth Institute, October 5, 2018.

Speaker/Panelist, “Celebrating the Midwifery-Led Model,” American Association of Birth Centers Birth Institute, October 2, 2020.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Integrative Resuscitation of the Newborn

Karen Strange, annually from 2009 through 2023

Neonatal Resuscitation

American Academy of Pediatrics, annually from 2009 through 2023

Basic Life Support (CPR)

American Heart Association, bi-annually from 2009 through 2022

International Confederation of Midwives

Council (observer), 2023

Congress, 2023

American Academy of Pediatrics Conference

Washington, DC, 2023

American College of Nurse-Midwives Conference

Orlando, FL, 2023

AABC Birth Institute

American Association of Birth Centers, annually from 2012 through 2024

CLEAR Conference

Council for Licensure, Enforcement, & Regulation, annually 2014 through 2023

ICE Conference

Institute for Credentialing Excellence, annually 2014 through 2023

MANA Conference

Midwives Alliance of North America, annually from 2009 through 2020

Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN)

Introduction to Fetal Heart Monitoring, 2023

Applying AIM Bundles & Resources to Community Birth Settings

Alliance for Innovation in Maternal Health, 2023

Intermittent Auscultation Simulation-Based Education

Institute for Perinatal Quality Improvement, 2023

Human Trafficking 101 Training

Polaris, 2023

Advanced Evaluation & Management of Psychiatric Illness in Reproductive-Age Women

Life Cycle Health & Education, 2022

Navigating Ethical Student/Preceptor/Client Relationships

Mercy in Action, 2019

CPM Symposium

Bolger Conference Center, 2018

Process of Integrating Evidence for Complementary and Integrative Health Educators, Northwestern

Health Sciences University, 2017

Spinning Babies Workshop

Shenandoah University, 2017

Celebrating 50 Years of Newborn Screening in Virginia

Virginia Commonwealth University, 2016

Waterbirth Certification Course for Providers

Barbara Harper, Chantilly, Virginia, 2011

Birth Emergency Skills Training (BEST)

Chantilly, Virginia, 2011

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

Virginia Midwives Alliance, 2008-present

Virginia Birth Center Alliance, 2018-2024

Midwives Alliance of North America, 2008-2023

American Association of Birth Centers, 2012-2023

American College of Nurse-Midwives, 2021-present