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Professional History

- **Commissioner & Vice President**, Commission for the Accreditation of Birth Centers – 1999 to present
- **Site Visitor**, Commission for the Accreditation of Birth Centers – 1992 to present
- **Midwife**, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center – 2007 to April 2011
- **Director & Midwife**, Bethany Women's Healthcare & Birth Center – 1998 to 2007
- **Birth Center Nurse**, Family Birthing Center of Providence Hospital and Medical Center, Southfield, Michigan – 1989 to 1997
- **Director & Owner**, Contemporary Childbirth Education, Warren, Michigan – 1982 to 1988
- **Staff Nurse**, Hospitals in Warren and Rochester, Michigan – 1980 to 1990

Education

- **Master of Science in Nursing**, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, May 1998
- **Certificate in Nurse-Midwifery**, Frontier School of Nurse-Midwifery, Hyden, Kentucky, November 1997
- **Bachelor of Science in Nursing**, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, May 1996
- **Associates of Applied Science in Nursing**, University of the State of New York, Albany, New York, August 1987
- **Certificate of Practical Nursing**, Macomb Community College, Warren, Michigan, December 1979

Connie strongly believes that most women have normal, healthy pregnancies and births and should be allowed an alternative birth site as they desire. She is supportive of gentle and empowering prenatal and birth care, allowing women to have as much control as possible in the setting of their choice. Connie herself is a mother of five and gave birth in a traditional hospital, a freestanding birth center and at home with a nurse-midwife. Her grown children have also chosen out-of-hospital birth with their families! Connie believes it is vital to get the word out about women's real choices in their care for a lifetime, and that these choices leave a legacy for the next generation.

Professional Background

Connie joined Babymoon Inn, LLC in April 2011 as the Clinical Director and midwife. Throughout Connie's career, she has been instrumental in the operations and direction of birth centers, first with the Family Birthing Center of Providence Hospital in Southfield, Michigan, and then with the Bethany Birth Center in Phoenix. Her recent practice with St. Joseph's Hospital, as well as with Bethany Women's Healthcare, also brings a strong network to Babymoon Inn for collaboration with physician practices that are committed to midwifery care.

Connie Garcia is a Certified Nurse Midwife who also has a Master of Science degree in Nursing. Connie received her Master's degree from the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio and her certificate of nurse-midwifery from the Frontier School of Nurse-Midwifery and Family Nursing in Hyden, Kentucky.

Connie's expertise includes full-scope midwifery care and the establishment and accreditation of free-standing birth centers. She is currently the Vice President of the Commission for Accreditation of Birth Centers and a Site Visitor. Connie is also a member of the American College of Midwives, the American Association of Birth Centers, the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses, and the Sigma Theta Tau National Honor Society of Nurses.



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Associations

- 2008 – Present American Association of Birth Centers
- 2008 – Present Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
- 1996 – Present American College of Nurse-Midwives
- 1996 – Present Sigma Theta Tau National Honor Society

Committees

- 1991 – 1995 Nurse Representative, Family Birthing Center Committee (governing board), Southfield, Michigan
- 1990 – 1992 Co-Chair, Awareness Sub-Committee of the Philosophy of Service Committee at Providence Hospital, Southfield, Michigan
- 1985 – 1989 Board Member, Friends Supporting Parents, Perinatal Loss Group, Roseville, Michigan

Presentations

- 2009 Garcia, C. A. (2009) “Nurse-Midwifery and Birth Center Options,” Alliance for Innovations in Health Care, Phoenix Arizona.
- 2005 Garcia, C. A. (2005) “Nurse-Midwifery and Alternative Options for Nursing,” Baccalaureate Student Nurse’s Organization, Arizona State University.
- 2003, 2002, 2000, 1999 Garcia, C. A. (1999) “Nurse-Midwifery and Alternative Birth Settings,” Mountain Ridge High School, Glendale, Arizona.
- 2002, 2001 Garcia, C. A. (2001) “Nurse-Midwifery as a Career,” Grand Canyon University, Science and Nursing Day, Phoenix, Arizona.
- 1995 Garcia, C. A. (1995) “Quality Assurance in a Birth Center Setting,” NACC, How to Start a Birth Center Workshop, Southfield, Michigan.
- 1993 Garcia, C. A. (1993, June) “Quality Assurance Program in the Family Birthing Center, Harrison, M. L. & McIntosh, J. M. (Co-Chairs), With Woman, a Journey Through Fourteen Years, Southfield, Michigan.
- 1992 Garcia, C. A. & Hunter, D. (1992, June) “Caring for the Caregiver,” Harrison, M. L. & McIntosh, J. M. (Co-Chairs), With woman II, Southfield, Michigan

Continuing Education

- September 2010 AABC Birth Institute: Catch the Wave, Newport Beach, California, 7 hours.
- April 2010 St Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center Learning Institute, ACLS Renewal, Phoenix, Arizona, 5 hours.



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Continuing Education (continued)

April 2010	American Midwifery Certification Board, "Antepartum and Primary Care (2008-2010)," Linthicum, Maryland, 20 hours.
March 2010	St Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center Learning Institute, NRP Renewal, Phoenix, Arizona, 2.58 hours.
March 2010	Pediatrix Medical Group, "Obstetrical Challenges of the 3rd Millennium," 27th Annual Review Course, Phoenix, Arizona, 17.25 hours.
September 2009	AABC Birth Institute: Change in Childbirth – Hope for a New Generation, Savannah, Georgia, 6.5 hours.
April 2009	OBSTETRIX Medical Group, "Obstetrical Challenges of the 3rd Millennium," 26th Annual Review Course, Phoenix, Arizona, 17.5 hours.
November 2008	AWHONN, intermediate fetal monitoring course, Phoenix, Arizona, 18 hours.
November 2008	Practical Sonography, "Basic Obstetrical Ultrasound," Tempe, Arizona, 14 hours.
October 2008	American Midwifery Certification Board, "Gynecology and Primary Care Module (2007-2009)," Linthicum, Maryland, 15 hours.
October 2008	American Midwifery Certification Board, "Intrapartum, Postpartum, & Newborn Module (2006-2008)," Linthicum, Maryland, 20 hours.
October 2008	Pesi Healthcare, "High Risk Obstetrics: Current Trends, Treatments & Issues," Mesa, Arizona, 6 hours.
September 2008	AABC Birth Institute: What is optimal?, Tucson, Arizona, 8.5 hours.
June 2008	St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center Learning Institute, Neonatal Resuscitation Renewal Course, 2.58 hours.
April/May 2008	St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center Learning Institute, ACLS/BLS Certification, 10.25 hours.
March 2008	Banner Health, "Obstetrical Challenges of the 3rd Millennium, 15.75 hours.
September 2007	Frontier School of Nurse-Midwifery, "An Act of Hope, Labor of Love" Preceptor Training, 2 hours.
September 2006	National Association of Childbearing Centers, 22nd Annual Meeting, 11.8 hours.
September 2005	National Association of Childbearing Centers, 21st Annual Meeting, 14 hours.
August 2004	Banner Hospitals, "Limited Ultrasound Training and Certification for Professionals, Mesa, Arizona.



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Continuing Education (continued)

- April 2004 Phoenix Perinatal Associates, Annual Conference, Scottsdale, Arizona, 12 hours.
- September 2003 National Association of Childbearing Centers, 19th Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, 7.25 hours.
- June 2003 ACNM Annual Meeting, Palm Desert, California, 17 hours.
- September 2002 National Association of Childbearing Centers, 18th Annual Meeting, Nashville Tennessee, 4.75 hours.
- September 2001 National Association of Childbearing Centers, 17th Annual Conference, Phoenix, Arizona, 11.50 hours.
- November 2000 ACNM Certification Council, ACC Module Intrapartum 2000-2001 #9900/002, 15 hours.
- September 2000 National Association of Childbearing Centers, 16th Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 13.8 hours.
- April 2000 Janicek, M. (2000, April), "Breast Cancer Put Into Perspective: A Discussion of the Recent JAMA and JNCI Studies and Your Patient, Phoenix, Arizona.
- November 1998 Contemporary Forums, "Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Clinicians," San Francisco, California, 30 hours.
- February 1995 Providence Hospital, "Staying Out of Court: Managing Legal Risks of Perinatal Nursing," Southfield, Michigan, 7.5 hours.
- February 1995 Arbogast, J., "Domestic Violence and Perinatal Patients," Southfield, Michigan.
- January 1995 Providence Hospital, "Breastfeeding Educational Series," Southfield, Michigan 2.4 hours.
- June 1993 Providence Family Birthing Center, "With Woman, A Journey Through Fourteen Years," Southfield, Michigan, 6.6 hours.