

## **Record of Labor Assists (20 Required)**

**Student's Name:**

	Client's Code / Initials	Date of Exam	Preceptor Name	Preceptor's Signature
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**Instructions:** The student must perform the clinical skills in the capacity of an assistant, to the level of mastery\*, all while under the direct supervision\* of the preceptor. These clinicals are logged on Clinical Record Sheets and are signed off by the preceptor who directly supervised the experience. Student submits updated forms at the end of each trimester to document progress. Student's and Preceptor's care at the encounter must be reflected on the client's chart via name or initials, in case of audit.

Labor Assists are births where the apprentice is being taught to perform the skills of a midwife during all stages of labor and delivery. Just observing a birth is not considered being an Active Participant. As an active participant the student will participate in many, if not all of the following: Set-up, assistance to the midwife in whatever she requests, assisting the mother and her family, participating and learning about charting, evaluating pre-labor, practicing admission evaluation and admission procedures, keeping track of progress and normalcy of labor, practicing taking and charting vital signs, counting baby's heartbeat, practicing evaluating FHT, practice providing comfort measures, preparing and coaching mother for actual birth, preparing mother's partner to provide comfort measures or to participate in delivery, practice assisting with the birth and placenta, practice evaluating newborn response and vitals, practice assisting with newborn exam, evaluating the placenta for normalcy, practice with the establishment of immediate breastfeeding, assisting midwife with clean-up, sterilizing, repairing, restocking, re-ordering equipment, making plans for follow-up visit.

\***Mastery** of a clinical skill consists of the competent and confident provision of safe, evidence-based midwifery care for the individual Clinical Skills including: Etiology, sequelae, appropriate management and follow-up for the individual patient, appropriate times and reasons for consult and referral, access to relevant resources and information, complete, thorough and timely record keeping, appropriate, professional, and compassionate management of every task involved, receptiveness and responsiveness to patient's concerns, explanation of midwifery decisions and actions as they relate to possible outcomes and their wider impact, based on the Midwives Model of Care®.

\***Supervision:** The preceptor must be in direct supervision of this activity: This means the preceptor was present and in control at all times during the entire activity, catalyzed the important decision making processes, elicited the student's rationales for her/his decisions, and oversaw the student's charting.