

# Aspiring Midwives!

The Northern New Mexico Midwifery Center is currently accepting applications for apprenticeships starting in February 2009!



Incredible opportunity to apprentice in a three midwife practice with students participating in every appointment, birth and in all administrative activities of a busy birth center. It is located in the small high desert town of Taos, New Mexico nestled in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains where 25% of the population births out of the hospital!

## Clinicals:

Our apprentices learn by hands on experience and are encouraged to develop clinical skills through direct contact with the clients from the very beginning of their apprenticeships.

Apprentices can expect to meet their minimum requirements for taking the NARM exam:

- Participate as primary midwife under supervision for 20 births
- 3 births as continuous care provider (4 prenatal visits, birth, newborn exam & 1 postpartum exam)
- 75 prenatal exams, 20 initial
- 20 newborn exams
- 40 postpartum exams
- 30 well-woman exams



## Academics:

All of our apprentices gain their midwifery degree from the National College of Midwifery. The National College of Midwifery is accredited by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC). The midwives of the Northern New Mexico Midwifery Center are preceptors for the National College of Midwifery and so are able guide the apprentices through the academic curriculum provided by the College. They also can sign off on all of the apprentices' skills and numbers that make them eligible to obtain their degrees.

After obtaining their midwifery degree, students are eligible for taking the North American Registry of Midwives board exam to become a Certified Professional Midwife.

## Logistics:

- The midwifery program lasts 18-24 months.
- Tuition is \$850 a month, paid per quarter.
- We accept a maximum of 5 students.

For more information and interview at MANA conference contact **Kiersten Figurski** at 1 (575) 770-5680. Or visit our website at [www.midwiferycenter.org](http://www.midwiferycenter.org) and our blog at [www.taosbirth.blogspot.com](http://www.taosbirth.blogspot.com).

