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Application Instructions
National College of Midwifery
Bachelor of Science in
Midwifery
 (Revised 12/06)

The Bachelor program is made up of 146.75 Semester Credit Hours. 75.75 semester credit hours are automatically transferred for holding a State Midwifery License or National Certification. 24 credits are granted for the additional year required to obtain the Bachelor of Science in Midwifery after licensing.

The heart of the Bachelor's degree is the design, conduct, and analysis of an original, quantitative research project, under the supervision of a qualified preceptor. Findings of the research project are put forth in a thesis, which is submitted to the College for acceptance. Once the thesis is accepted, coursework is completed, and the clinical requirements fulfilled, the candidate is granted the Bachelor's degree of Science in Midwifery.

Required forms and documents for application to the Bachelor of Science in Midwifery program are available for downloading from our website at www.midwiferycollege.org. It is up to the student applicant to insure that all required materials are sent to and received by the College.

Remember, you, the student, find and employ the preceptor. This is a voluntary relationship between you both. It is your responsibility to be sure your preceptor can provide the clinical and academic supervision required. In the case of having to use other clinical or academic preceptors to achieve your requirements, all additional preceptors must apply to and be approved by the College. All academic requirements obtained in other settings must be from accredited programs and transcripts must be forwarded to the College.

The College provides tracking materials so that you can document your achievements and the College approves your grades, evaluations, transcripts, research proposal and final research document, and issues your diploma.

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Bachelor of Science Degree in Midwifery
 Semester Credit Hours: 146.75

Prerequisites: (one of the following)

- College-recognized state or national midwifery license or certification:...94.75credits
 PLUS: Exploring Statistics.....3 credits
 Midwifery Literature and Art.....3 credits
 Analytical Writing.....4 credits
 Fundamentals of Elementary Math.....3 credits
 (or the equivalent, to be evaluated by the College)

OR

- Associate Degree from the College granted after NCM accreditation by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council, and including the required general education courses listed above.

Course Requirements:

- MW 480 One clinical year past licensing or certification to include at least 10 mentored births via chart review with preceptor.....24 credits
- Thesis based on a clinical research project.....15 credits
- Total Credit hours:.....146.75

Important Note: The Thesis must be pre-approved by the College Faculty Board and carried out in a clinical setting under the supervision of an approved preceptor.

Bachelor of Science Degree in Midwifery Awarded:

1. When prerequisites are met
2. When course requirements are completed
3. When Senior Thesis is accepted by the Faculty Board
4. When bound copy of Senior Thesis is placed in the College Library

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. The first stage of the application process for acceptance to the College is to request an application packet from the College, complete it, including all materials and recommendations requested for preceptors and mail it with the \$100.00 application fee payable to the National College of Midwifery.
2. From the Bachelor of Science in Midwifery candidate, the following will be needed:

From the Student

1. High School Diploma/GED certificate
2. Transcripts for the following courses**:
 Statistics, 3 credits
 Midwifery Literature and Art, 3 credits
 Analytical Writing, 3 credits
 Fundamentals of Math, 3 credits
3. Midwifery License or Certification
4. BSM Application Form
5. BSM Contract
6. Two passport sized photos
7. \$100 Non-Refundable Application fee
8. Upon acceptance: \$4,900 Administrative fee

From the Preceptor

1. Faculty Application Form
2. Copy of Appropriate Academic Degree (at least BA/BS)
3. State License or Midwifery Certification, or MD License
4. Resume
5. Three completed Preceptor Reference Forms

**** Prerequisites may be completed concurrently with the BSM Program**

Once the student and preceptor files are complete, the dyad will be accepted by means of a letter.

3. The student must then submit the one-time-only administrative fee of \$3,400. Upon receipt of the administrative fee, the student will receive a receipt. Record-keeping and evaluation materials will be sent to the student.

Every trimester, the College requires that the student and preceptor fill out the self and mutual evaluation forms and progress reports. These will include progress on the research project.

4. The Research Proposal must now be sent in for approval by the Faculty Advisory Board. This proposal must be based upon original quantitative research designed, conducted, and analyzed by the student. The proposal will be reviewed by a committee of the Faculty Advisory Board, which may request changes or revisions to the proposal. Once the revised proposal is approved by the committee, the student may begin her research.

5. The student will also submit a minimum of **10 MANA statistics forms per year** as evidence of continuing independent midwifery practice. These are due within 30 days of the end of each trimester.

6. Once the research project is complete, it must be submitted to the College for review by the Faculty Advisory Board, comprised of a committee of College preceptors. The Committee will read the research project and make recommendations either to approve the paper without changes, to approve the paper with specified changes, or not to approve. The final decision on whether to approve the paper or not rests with the administration of the College. In most cases, the administration will concur with the recommendation of the candidate's preceptor as to what recommended changes and revisions will be required of the student.

FACULTY/ PRECEPTORS

The National College of Midwifery recognizes the following categories of practitioners as acceptable preceptors for training midwives:

1. Licensed Midwives

2. Midwives holding College-accepted certification by their State midwifery organization
3. Certified Nurse Midwives
4. Physician Assistant Midwives
5. Licensed Physicians practicing Obstetrics

FACULTY QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE DEGREE SOUGHT

The preceptor must hold at least the academic credential sought by the midwifery student. For the Bachelor of Science in Midwifery Preceptor:

- **Licensed Midwives or Certified Midwives**
 1. Must have a BA or BS degree.
 2. Must have a License issued in the state where the practice is located or local or national certification
 3. Must have had one year of experience since licensing or certification.
- **Certified Nurse Midwives**
 1. Must have a BA or BS degree.
 2. Must have had one year of experience since certification.
- **Physician Assistant Midwives**
 1. Must have a BA or BS degree.
 2. Must have had one year of experience since licensing.
- **Licensed Physicians practicing obstetrics**
 1. Must have had one year of experience since licensing.

STUDENT- PRECEPTOR INTERACTION

Academic Schedule:

Students and preceptors are expected to meet with each other weekly to review progress on the research proposal and troubleshoot any problem areas. Meetings may take place electronically or face-to-face. At the beginning of each trimester Students and Preceptors will fill out a plan for the coming trimester and file it with the College. Students and preceptors will participate in mutual evaluations and planning. Students and their preceptors are encouraged to attend the College's annual meeting, which takes place in New Mexico, to provide feedback regarding the program. In addition, feedback is solicited at the end of each trimester on the evaluation forms and annually on surveys sent out by the administration.

Disagreements:

If the student and preceptor disagree, they can ask the College President for mediation by filling out, and sending in, a Student Preceptor Meeting Form, and if dissatisfied, may ask the Board of Directors for further mediation. Please see the section on Grievance Procedures. If satisfaction is still not achieved, the student may request mediation by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council.

CHOOSING A MIDWIFERY PRECEPTOR

1. Be certain this person meets all the requirements detailed under "Faculty Qualifications".
2. The preceptor must be willing and able to provide guidance, approve and supervise the proposed research project.
3. The preceptor must be willing to tend to the paperwork required by the College (evaluations, transcripts, etc.)
4. The preceptor must be willing and able to furnish the necessary recommendations, resume, documentation of their degree, certification or license, and last two years of continuing education.

Allocation of Credits

We have been asked by various entities to elaborate on how we assign academic credit to the student holding a State Midwifery License or Certification.

Every state has a minimum standard for numbers and kinds of clinical experiences as well as for academic requirements. These do vary slightly from state to state, but in general, they are parallel to the MANA CORE COMPETENCIES, and the NARM requirements. This is true of the State of New Mexico, where the College is licensed by the New Mexico Commission on Higher Education.

The College recognizes the academic and clinical requirements set out by such documents as being equivalent of 3 years of college level work. The BSM degree offered by our institution consists of one more year to include the

following prerequisites which can be obtained during the baccalaureate study: 3 credits of Introduction to Statistics, 4 credits of Analytical Writing, 3 credits of elementary college math, and 3 credits of Midwifery Literature and Art. The BSM itself consists of 24 credits awarded for a year of clinical practice that includes 10 births to be mentored via chart review by the student's preceptor. 15 credits are awarded for the production of a clinical Senior Research Thesis to be supervised by a clinical preceptor. This thesis is reviewed by a Committee of the College's Faculty Advisory Board, made up of the current clinical and academic faculty of the college, with additional representatives from the student body and from the New Mexico Midwives Association, and from persons conversant with Bachelor, Master, and Ph.D. level education.

The following are the areas all licensed and certified midwives will have covered to pass their certifying or licensing exams, and the credit hours the National College of Midwifery has assigned for each:

Human Life Science (6 credit hours). The course of study will have included Anatomy and Physiology, Fetal Development, Genetic Screening, and Applied Microbiology, in order to pass the licensing or certifying exams.

Psychosocial Issues (6 credit hours). The course of study will have included Communication and Counseling, Cultural Issues, Human Sexuality, and Perinatal Education including Lactation, in order to pass the licensing or certifying exams.

Antepartum Management (6 credit hours). The course of study will have included Basic Skills, Risk Screening, Physical Assessment, Provision of Care, Complications, Pharmacology, Nutrition, Diagnostic Lab Tests and Procedures, Observational and Charting Skills, in order to pass the licensing or certifying exams.

Intrapartum Management (6 credit hours). The course of study will have included Basic Skills, Risk Screening, Physical Assessment, Provision of Care, Complications, Pharmacology, Diagnostic Lab Tests and Procedures, Observational Skills and Charting, and IV Therapy, in order to pass the licensing or certifying exams.

Postpartum Management (6 credit hours). The course of study will have included Basic Skills, Risk Screening, Physical Assessment, Provision of Care, Complications, Pharmacology, Diagnostic Lab Tests and Procedures, Observational Skills and Charting, in order to pass the licensing or certifying exams.

Newborn Management (6 credit hours). The course of study will have included Basic Skills, Risk Screening, Physical Assessment, Provision of Care, Diagnostic lab Tests and Procedures, Pharmacology, Observational Skills and Charting, and Neonatal Resuscitation, in order to pass the licensing or certifying exams.

Well Woman Reproductive Health Care (6 credit hours). The course of study will have included Risk Screening, Provision of Care, diagnostic Lab Tests and Procedures, Pharmacology, and Observational Skills and Charting, in order to pass the licensing or certifying exams.

Professional Issues (6 credit hours). The course of study will have included the History of Midwifery, Ethics, Laws and Regulations, Protocols, Community Health Issues, Out-of-Hospital Birth and starting a small business, in order to pass the licensing or certifying exams.

Clinically, the student will cover a minimum of 12 months in clinical settings, and have been at a minimum of 20 births as an active participant (12 contact hours for each)

Functioning in the role of primary midwife under supervision, the student must have attended a minimum of 20 births (24 contact hours for each), a minimum of 10 of which were attended as a primary provider under supervision in homes or other out-of-hospital settings. A minimum of 3 of these must have been as the primary provider under supervision with women for whom the student has provided primary care during at least 4 prenatal visits, birth, 1 newborn exam, and 1 postpartum exam.

55 prenatal exams (0.5 contact hours each)

20 initial prenatal exams (1 contact hour each)

20 newborn exams (0.5 contact hours each)

40 postpartum exams of mother and baby (1 contact hour each)

30 family planning visit, consultations and /or referrals (0.5 contact hours each)

In addition, most students will have observed and taught a series of prenatal childbirth classes and breast-feeding classes.

These amount to a minimum of 832.5 contact hours, or 27.75 semester credit hours. Most midwives get many more experiences than these, but these are the nationally accepted minimums set by NARM.

The conversion from contact to credit hours is: 30 clinical contact hours = 1 credit hour, 15 academic contact hours = 1 credit hour.