

## **MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY**

The International School of Midwifery has a mission to uphold excellence in Midwifery education so those with a calling may learn to minister the highest standards of care in the tradition of our foremothers. We offer students a program designed to prepare them with the essential skills and knowledge necessary to allow them to practice in the Birth Support system as either a Midwifery Assistant, or a Licensed Midwife according to the laws of the State of Florida. Our graduates will go on to provide quality care to pregnant and birthing women. The International School of Midwifery recognizes the necessity for students to be trained in a variety of educational environments and wishes to meet their needs in a private institution conceived and administered by midwives. The art and science of midwifery is best taught by those active in its practice or who support the profession that midwifery is a vocation to be honored in its own right and not the practice of medicine (though all students will learn the importance of collaborative care with physicians). We believe that our profession offers the most appropriate care for pregnant and birthing women.

The International School of Midwifery agrees with the International Definition of a Midwife (accepted by the International Confederation of Midwives in 1972, and by the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics in 1973): "A midwife is a person who, having been regularly admitted to a midwifery educational program recognized in the country in which it is located, has successfully completed the prescribed course of studies in midwifery and has acquired the requisite qualifications to be registered and/or legally licensed to practice midwifery. She must be able to give the necessary supervision, care, and advice to women during pregnancy, labor, and the postpartum period; to conduct deliveries on her own responsibility; and to care for the newborn and infant. This care includes preventative measures, the detection of abnormal conditions in mother and child, the procurement of medical assistance, and the execution of emergency measures in the absence of medical help. She has an important task in health counseling and education, not only for patients but also within the family and the community. The work should involve antenatal education and preparation for parenthood and should extend to certain areas of gynecology, family planning and child care. She may practice in hospitals, clinics, health units, domiciliary conditions, or in any other service."

The International School of Midwifery has incorporated the core competencies of the Midwives Alliance of North America and the College of Nurse Midwives into its curriculum as well as meeting the Curriculum Framework developed by the Florida Department of Education. Our curriculum has been developed and refined over 30 years of teaching by Shari Daniels, our founder. We believe that this curriculum will provide future students with all the knowledge and competencies required to successfully practice in the midwifery field.

## **HISTORY**

The Maternity Center in El Paso was founded in 1976 by Shari Daniels. She directed its operations and midwifery programs until 1986. This was the first direct entry midwifery curriculum offered in the United States. The midwifery training program graduated in excess of 400 midwives who are in practice all over the world. Her efforts on the behalf of the Maternity Center in El Paso were recognized in 1992 with a special award of achievement by the Midwives Alliance of North America. The knowledge and skills that made The Maternity Center's midwifery training program so successful are brought to the International School of Midwifery by Ms. Daniels.

Shari Daniels was then recruited by the Miami based National School of Technology which was the first school to enroll midwifery students under Florida's new law. It was mutually agreed that the students would be better served in an institution that focused solely on the study and practice of midwifery, whereupon the International School of Midwifery was born. The International School of Midwifery opened its doors in January 1996 with a three year midwifery program and a four month pre-licensure course for internationally trained midwives. Any list of successful practicing Florida midwives contains a large percentage of ISOM graduates.

In December of 2011, Ms. Daniels embarked on a new mission. She sold the International School of Midwifery to a former student and moved to India. Dahlia Porter, who graduated from ISOM in May of 2006, has been working with Ms. Daniels in the school since her graduation. Ms. Porter has a passion to see midwifery continue and to have a part in training and placing new midwives out into the field.

## **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

ISOM will train midwives to work in a variety of settings. We believe that in today's competitive managed care/high malpractice environment, the future of direct entry midwifery will be in the high volume birth center. Our programs will teach students to function and manage this type of birthing venue.

Due to the fact that there is a shortage of midwives capable of working in these settings, we are in a position of having an agreement with South Beach Maternity Associates to train our students to be able to work in their birth center.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **CLASS SIZE**

Class size for the core midwifery classes will average between 15 and 20 students to allow for personal attention and individualized instruction. Non-core midwifery classes may have a larger class size.

### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT**

The International School of Midwifery does not discriminate in the admission of its students. It is an equal opportunity employer.

### **DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Courses are not necessarily taught in the same order as they appear in the curriculum outline. The school reserves the right to change the program outline, start dates, tuition, or to cancel programs. Currently enrolled students will not be affected by tuition increases. All program cancellations shall be in accordance with the Department of Education and State of Florida rules and regulations.

### **JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE**

Students are admitted to the school based upon the likelihood that they will be hireable upon graduation. Therefore, students that graduate either the Midwifery Assistant Program or the Midwifery Program with a Certificate or diploma that is endorsed "High Recommendation" will be guaranteed letters of recommendation to the facility of their choice. Nothing herein guarantees employment, but South Beach Maternity Associates, Inc. has strongly indicated its desire to hire our qualified graduates.

### **COUNSELING**

Students may be referred to counseling opportunities in the community by faculty and staff or the school.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

The International School of Midwifery recognizes the importance of community service. As a part of her training, we try to instill

a feeling of responsibility towards the community in our students and we encourage them to participate as volunteers in various community projects.

### **GRADUATION**

Upon successful completion of all prescribed subjects of instruction required for the Introduction to Midwifery program and attaining a cumulative grade average of 80 percent or better; demonstrating the ability to perform all required competencies; and satisfaction of all financial obligations to the school, the student will receive a Certificate and be qualified to sit the Certified Nursing Assistant examination.

Upon successful completion of all prescribed subjects of instruction required for the Midwifery Assistant program and attaining a cumulative grade average of 80 percent or better; demonstrating the ability to perform all required competencies; and satisfaction of all financial obligations to the school, the student will be awarded a Midwifery Assistant Certificate.

Students that continue the additional courses required for the Midwifery Program with a cumulative grade average of 80 percent or better, demonstrating the ability to perform all required competencies and satisfaction of all financial obligations to the school will be awarded a certificate of completion of a Senior Midwifery Certificate as stated in the catalog program information. It should be noted that this certificate should not be considered the equivalent of a traditional Associates Degree which incorporates liberal arts courses. Students may participate in the graduation ceremony providing that all graduation requirements have been met.

### **GRADUATION WITH HONORS**

Upon collaboration of the director and the person overseeing student clinical programs (who may or may not be the director) the Certificate of Graduation for Midwifery Assistant and the Certificate for Midwifery

Programs may be endorsed “High Recommendation”. Criteria will include, but not be limited to:

- Classroom average above 90
- Superior birthing skills
- Superior people skills
- Superior clinical skills
- Highly responsible and trustworthy

### **FUTURE CLIMATE**

The student should be aware that midwifery is a profession that is consistently under attack by medical professionals. While midwifery is currently legal and accepted in the State of Florida, the school makes no guarantees that future regulatory changes would not restrict the practice of midwifery.

### **TUTORING**

Tutoring is available by appointment with instructors. A student may request a tutorial from an instructor at any time she has missed class material. An instructor has the option of requiring a tutorial at any time she believes that the student has missed material that needs to be communicated directly, not through other students and their notes. The fee for tutorial will not exceed \$20.00 per hour.

### **PROFESSIONAL AND CREDENTIALING ORGANIZATIONS**

Students are encouraged to associate themselves with the professional and credentialing organizations for midwifery for the purpose of continuing education, licensing, certification, employment opportunities and awareness of professional trends.

Licensing by State of Florida Department of Health, Division of Medical Quality Assurance, Council of Licensed Midwifery.

Midwives Assoc. of Florida (MAF).

Midwives Alliance of North America. North American Registry of Midwives.

### **LIBRARY**

A library of professional books, periodicals and video tapes is available for student use with granted permission from the Director.

### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

The administrative office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Classes take place as per the individualized class schedule. Some classes may begin as early as 8:00 am and some classes may end as late as 11:00 pm.

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

The following legal and religious holidays will be observed:

Rosh Hashana	Sept. 24-26, 2014
Yom Kippur	Oct. 3-4, 2014
Succoth	Oct. 8-15, 2014
Thanksgiving	Nov. 27, 2014
Christmas	Dec. 25, 2014
New Years	Jan. 1, 2015
Easter	April 5, 2015
Pesach	April 3-11, 2015
Shavuoth	May 23-25, 2015
Memorial Day	May 28, 2015
Independence Day	July 4, 2015

We will make provisions as far as possible for all other religious holidays at the request of individual students and at the discretion of the instructor. (An exact schedule will be given at the beginning of each school year.)

### **CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS TRAINING**

Credit for previous training may be granted upon receipt of an official transcript from an approved training facility. The amount of credit received will be determined by the Director of Education and any necessary adjustments in the student's program will be made. As mandated in FS 467, previous student experience will be assessed on an individual basis. "In no case shall the training be reduced to a period of less than 2 years." FS 467.009(2). Transfer of Credit Policy: "Transferability of credit from International School of Midwifery is at the discretion of the accepting institution, and that it is the student's responsibility to confirm whether or not credits will be accepted by another institution of the student's choice."

## **STUDENT RECORDS**

Student records are maintained indefinitely. Students may examine their records by scheduling an appointment with the director.

## **TRANSCRIPTS**

Copies of transcripts may be obtained by submitting a written request to the school. A fee of \$5 per copy is charged with the exception of a first transcript sent to the state for licensing application. Please allow 10 days to process transcripts. Transcripts will not be forwarded if a student is delinquent in their financial obligations and, if applicable, has not officially withdrawn from the school.

## **ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS**

Admission requirements for this school differ from most traditional schools in that we are looking for applicants who will not only be good students, but who will upon graduation be good employees, directors and owners of birth centers. To complete the admission and be considered for a place in the next class, the applicant is requested to:

- \* Submit a completed application form with a non-refundable registration fee of \$100.00 and transcripts from all schools attended.
- \* Call for an appointment with the Director of Education.
- \* After the application is reviewed by the Director of Education, applicants will be interviewed on campus by the administrator, who will discuss the program of study, including the applicant's individual motivation and potential for success in the training and practice of midwifery.

Applicants will be notified if they have been accepted within two weeks prior to the start date of the program.

All students must:

- \*Be over the age of 18 upon admission.
- \*Hold a high school diploma or it's equivalent.
- \*Have taken and received a passing

grade in 3 college level credits in each of math and English OR demonstrate competencies in communication and computation by passing the College Level Equivalent Proficiency Test (CLEP) OR passed the College Level Academic Scholastic Test (CLAST).

\*Be able to communicate verbally and in writing using the English language to the satisfaction of the Director of Education.

\*Be over the age of 21 at graduation.

## **CLINICAL PRACTICUM/ INTERNSHIP**

A clinical practicum is required as part of all programs of study. This internship will be under the supervision of a skilled midwife. Clinical practicum is arranged by the Director of Education. This is a major component of midwifery studies and a requirement of graduation. All practicum are graded by the preceptor and are a part of the student's final average. Each student is expected to demonstrate the ability to correctly perform all required competencies in order to graduate. The ability to obtain your clinical experience in birthing facilities or medical settings is a privilege and not an entitlement in this program. The school has an agreement with the Miami Maternity Center as the clinical for its students. However, whether you are accepted at this clinical site is solely at the discretion of the director of that site. If the student is unable to get clinical experience at the approved clinical site, they will be terminated from the program.

## **GRADING SYSTEM**

A	95-100
Outstanding	
B	90-94
Above Average	
C	85-89
Satisfactory	
D	80-84
Below Average	
F	Below 80
Unacceptable	

## **STANDARDS FOR SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS**

- \*Passing grade in all classes is 80% or above.
- \*If a student fails any final exam, they will be given an opportunity to retake one final exam per semester. Retakes will be completed within 1 week of semester's end.
- \*If a student fails a retake exam, the class must be retaken when it is next offered.
- \*Any student who fails 3 classes will be placed on probation.
- \*If a 4<sup>th</sup> class is failed, the student will be suspended.
- \*A suspended student may re-enter the program at the beginning of the next school year.

## **LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Leaves of absence are discouraged. If a student does feel they need a leave of absence, they will be asked to formally withdraw and may be reinstated at a later date. Request to withdraw must be made in writing, in advance and approved by the School Director. Only 1 leave of absence per 12 month period and lasting no greater than 60 days will be allowed.

## **WITHDRAWAL AND TERMINATION**

The student shall have the option to withdraw from the school at any time, by giving notice of intent to terminate enrollment to the Director of Education and/or the Administrative Staff. The school reserves the right to discontinue the enrollment of any student whose academic performance, attendance, or conduct is, for any reason, unsatisfactory. Any student who is absent for a period of one week without notification to the school and good cause, will be subject to termination at the Director's discretion.

Any student found guilty of academic dishonesty will receive an immediate "zero" for that subject and will be expelled. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to: cheating, copying, plagiarism or failure to report same. In the case of a student's prolonged illness, accident, death in family, or other

circumstances that make it impractical to complete the course, the student may withdraw without damage to status and the school shall make a settlement which is fair and reasonable to both parties, but still conforms with the tuition reimbursement policy.

## **REINSTATEMENT**

Once a student is dismissed for any reason, she/he may seek reinstatement through a personal interview with the Director. If the Director feels that the student intends to comply with all school policies, a probationary period of 12 weeks will be arranged. If dismissal was the result of failure to pay tuition, an acceptable plan for payment must be made prior to reinstatement. If, at the end of the probationary period, progress has been satisfactory, the student will be returned to full student status. If not, the student's enrollment will be terminated.

## **PROBATION**

If a student does not maintain satisfactory performance in academic or practical areas of study, or there is a problem with attitude or behavior leading to a concern about the successful completion of the program, the school will place the student on probation for a period of time, not to exceed one semester. If satisfactory improvement is made, as determined by the Director, the student will be allowed to continue in the program. If satisfactory improvement is not made, the student will be asked to leave the program.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **ATTENDANCE: Classes**

Students must attend all classes regularly and arrive punctually. In the event of illness or inability to attend, the student must notify the school in writing, presenting valid and verifiable excuse. Tardiness is defined as arrival to class 15 minutes after the scheduled class time. Two days of unexcused tardiness per semester may be grounds for dismissal. The determination of excused or unexcused absences or tardiness

shall be at the administration's discretion. A student may be dismissed for excessive unexcused absences, i.e., 2 or more consecutive or 3 or more non-consecutive per semester. Upon re-admission to class, the student must make up lost instruction time to the satisfaction of the instructor and the Director.

### **ATTENDANCE AT CLINICAL SITE**

Students must attend all assigned clinicals. "Introduction to Midwifery" students will observe a minimal number of clinical shifts, as well as some labors. Midwifery Assistant students will attend a minimum of 2 clinical shifts per week and be on call for births on scheduled days and nights. Senior Midwifery Studies Students must work 2 clinical shifts per week and be on call for births on scheduled days/nights.

### **DRUGS AND ALCOHOL**

Drugs and alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited on school premises. Student intoxication with drugs or alcohol during class or clinical hours will not be tolerated and is grounds for immediate expulsion.

### **RESPECT FOR PROPERTY**

Students will be responsible and pay for all property destroyed or damaged. Vandalism will result in immediate expulsion and contract termination without recourse or appeal. All students must keep work areas clean. Class will be dismissed only after the classrooms or work areas are inspected.

### **PROPER DECORUM AND BEHAVIOR**

Students must conduct themselves in class with proper decorum, respect and attention to the instructors. Instructors are the final arbiters of proper classroom behavior. Disrespect to instructors is grounds for disciplinary action such as suspension or expulsion. Students will behave with courtesy and regard for other persons and school property.

### **DISCIPLINARY POLICY**

Failure to cooperate with school rules and regulations will be considered reason for student suspension or expulsion. When a problem is identified, a verbal and written warning will be given to the student. If the problem persists, the student will meet with the Director. A probationary period may be assigned. At the end of the probationary period, if the problem has not been remedied, the student may be dismissed from the program. Students may be dismissed for any of the following reasons: Failure to fulfill academic or financial requirements; Attending classes or clinical experience under the influence of alcohol or drugs; Intentional insubordination to faculty members or staff; Behaving in any manner that may be harmful to the learning environment or reputation of the school. Students may appeal expulsion in writing within 72 hours to the Director. An appeal of expulsion will be reviewed by administration. In the absence of an appeal, the student's enrollment shall be considered terminated.

### **STUDENT COMPLAINT/ GRIEVANCE POLICY**

The International School of Midwifery endeavors to be responsive to the needs of its students. In the event that a complaint arises, students are expected to resolve such grievances in a constructive and appropriate manner. Most complaints are resolved on an informal basis. However, if necessary, students may pursue more formal channels by contacting the Director. If a settlement of grievances cannot be reached, students may contact the Board of Education, Commission for Independent Education at: 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1414, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400

### **FOOD AND SMOKING**

Food or beverages can be obtained at stores and restaurants in the immediate vicinity of the school. A microwave oven is available to heat up food brought from home. It is requested that the student clean up after each meal.

Students who wish to smoke may only do so during breaks and only outside of the school building. The school is a non-smoking facility. The school heavily discourages smoking at any time.

### **DRESS CODE**

Students are expected to attend class and clinical in professional attire that is appropriate to the setting. All students will wear the uniform that is required by the preceptor or facility when doing clinicals or births. In addition: Jewelry will be limited to a watch and 1 pair of small earrings; appropriate shoes will be worn at all times; Hair will be pulled back, braided or covered. Students are expected to maintain a high standard of personal cleanliness and grooming. All students must be clean, neat and dress in a modest fashion during class time and clinicals.

### **TELEPHONES**

All students are required to have a cell phone. Therefore, there is no reason for students to have incoming calls or make outgoing calls on school phones. Failure to answer phone calls for duties could result in probation or suspension from the specified clinical site at the discretion of the director and/or on-site director.

### **LOCATION AND FACILITIES**

The International School of Midwifery is located in Miami, Florida. Miami is a true international city located in the metropolitan South Florida area. Miami is famed for its beautiful beaches, ethnic diversity and abundance of activities, both educational and cultural.

ISOM is located at 140 NE 119 Street in Miami. The facility consists of 2 classrooms, an office and 2 exam rooms, totaling 824 sq. ft. The school is handicap accessible and is located on the grounds of the Miami Maternity Center. It is situated within a short distance of the beach, numerous restaurants and retail stores. Various houses of worship are in close proximity.

### **OWNERSHIP**

The International School of Midwifery is incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida and owned by its principle stockholder, Dahlia Porter. The corporate offices are located at 140 NE 119 Street, Miami, FL 33161.

### **LICENSURE**

The International School of Midwifery is licensed by the Florida Commission for Independent Education, License No. 4090. Additional information regarding this institution may be obtained by contacting the Commission at: 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1414, Tallahassee, FL, 32399-0400, toll free telephone number 888/224-6684.

### **ACCREDITATION**

International School of Midwifery, Inc. is not accredited.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Dahlia Porter  
President/Director of Midwifery Education  
Curriculum Developer/Advisor  
Administrative Supervisor

### **FACULTY**

- \*Judith Kaplan, RN, CNM, ARNP, Columbia University, School of Nursing, NY
- \*Angela Hardison, BA IN Biology & MA in Science Education, NYU, NY
- \*Dellareece Bastian, LM, AA, Miami-Dade College, FL
- \*Carol Williams, LM, Certificate, ISOM, FL
- \*Tania Mondesir, RN, BSN, BS in Biology & Psychology, Barry University, FL
- \*Ada Sprouse, LM, AA, Miami-Dade College, FL

\*Denotes Part Time Teachers

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

#### **TUITION AND FEES**

Tuition for the Introduction to Midwifery Program: None. \$300 per month lab fee  
Tuition for the Midwifery Assistant Program: None. \$300 per month lab fee  
Tuition for the Senior Midwifery Studies Program: None. \$300 per month lab fee  
Tuition for the Three Year Midwifery

Program: None. \$300 per month lab fee  
Students are responsible for the expenses related to travel as well as room and board at all clinical sites other than those physically adjacent to the school.

### **FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS/ SCHOLARSHIPS**

The International School of Midwifery does not offer financial aid programs nor scholarships.

### **WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS**

Affiliated birth centers may employ students in various capacities. Students must be in good standing academically and clinically to keep work-study assignments. Students can be terminated from the work-study program if their financial obligations to the school are not kept current.

### **EQUIPMENT AND TEXTS**

Students are responsible for the purchase of supplies, equipment and texts. List of items needed will be provided at enrollment. Books must be purchased in advance of the semester in which they will be required for study.

### **CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY**

Should a student be terminated or cancel after classes begin, for any reason, there will be no refund of lab fees as they are paid on a monthly basis.

1. Cancellation can be made in person, by Certified Mail or by termination.
2. All monies will be refunded if the school does not accept the applicant or if the student cancels within three (3) business days after signing the enrollment agreement and making initial payment.
3. Cancellation after the third (3rd) Business Day, but before the first class, results in a refund of all monies paid, with the exception of the registration fee, not to exceed \$150.

4. Cancellation after attendance has begun but prior to 50% completion of the program, will result in a Pro Rata refund computed on the number of hours completed to the total program hours.
5. Cancellation after completing 50% of the program will result in no refund.
6. Termination Date: In calculating the refund due to a student, the last date of actual attendance by the student is used in the calculation unless earlier written notice is received.
7. Refunds will be made within 30 days of termination of students' enrollment or receipt of Cancellation Notice from student.
8. A student's enrollment can be terminated at the discretion of the governing board of the school for insufficient academic progress, non-payment of academic costs, or failure to comply with rules.

### **TERMINATION DATE**

The termination date for refund computation purposes is the last date of actual attendance by the student.

### **PROGRAMS AND TUITION CHANGES**

The school reserves the right to teach subject areas in any order it deems necessary, to add to or delete from certain courses, programs, or areas of study as circumstances and state law may require, and to make faculty changes. Changes in training curriculum shall not involve additional cost to currently enrolled students unless a new enrollment agreement is executed for an expanded program

### **SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD**

Dahlia Porter,	Carol Williams, LM
Judith Kaplan, CNM	Ada Sprouse, LM
Merle Weller-Basnight	Marion Boyd, CNA

# ***Introduction to Midwifery Program***

**(190 clock hours)**

*Prerequisites for the program are a high school diploma/GED, 3 college credits in English, and 3 college credits in Math.*

## ***PROGRAM DESCRIPTION***

The introduction to Midwifery Program is a one semester program containing 150 classroom hours and limited clinical experience. The purpose of the program is to expose the prospective midwifery student to the reality of midwifery. The life of a midwife is more than just ‘delivering babies’. It is the sacrifice of one’s own life for the well being of expectant mothers and their babies. It is having the responsibility of making decisions regarding births and the well being of others and living with the outcome of those decisions. Midwifery deals with the not-so-glamorous job of clean up and hours of coaching with little or no sleep and after finishing, to start all over again. It is missing anniversaries, parties, birthdays, dinners, holidays and still giving of yourself for others.

## ***PROGRAM OBJECTIVE***

Upon successful completion of this program, the student will receive a Certificate and will be qualified to sit the Certified Nursing Assistant examination.

## ***COURSES FOR INTRODUCTION TO MIDWIFERY PROGRAM***

<b><u>COURSE#</u></b>	<b><u>COURSE TITLE:</u></b>	<b><u>#CLASSES:</u></b>	<b><u>#HOURS:</u></b>
IM100	Basic Nursing Skills	10	50
IM110	Human Growth and Development	8	40
IM120	Epidemiology	4	20
IM130	AIDS/HIV	1	5
IM140	Ethics and Professionalism	2	10
IM150	Healthcare Communication	3	15
IM160	Phlebotomy	2	10

Total of 150 Classroom Hours

Total of 40 Clinical Hours

Total of 11 Credit Hours

\* Clinical Hours obtained in this course do not count toward the 900 hrs. required for midwifery licensure.

# ***Midwifery Assistant Program***

***(880 clock hours)***

*Prerequisite for this program is successful completion of the Introduction to Midwifery Program.*

## ***PROGRAM DESCRIPTION***

The Midwifery Assistant Program is a 2 semester program containing 300 classroom hours, 400 clinical hours, a minimum of 25 observed births, 10 coached births, and 10 assisted births. The purpose of this program is to prepare the student to be a qualified assistant at any delivery. The Midwifery Assistant will not only be the labor coach and monitor; but must properly set the room, chart and be an active participant in the birth process. A good Midwifery Assistant will be relied on to help in newborn complications such as resuscitations and deal with maternal emergencies while keeping a calm appearance.

## ***PROGRAM OBJECTIVE***

Upon completion of this program, the student will receive a Certificate of Midwifery Assistant.

## ***COURSES FOR MIDWIFERY ASSISTANT***

### ***Semester I***

<b><u>COURSE#</u></b>	<b><u>COURSE TITLE:</u></b>	<b><u>#CLASSES:</u></b>	<b><u>#HOURS:</u></b>
IM130	AIDS/HIV (Review workshop-required but no credit)		
MA210	Anatomy & Physiology	15	75
MA215	Normal Antepartum Knowledge & Skills I	7	35
MA220	Childbirth Education	6	30
MA225	Practice Management I	2	10

Total of 150 Classroom Hours

Total of 200 Clinical Hours

Total of 90 Externship Hours

Total of 16.5 Credit Hours

### ***Semester II***

<b><u>COURSE#</u></b>	<b><u>COURSE TITLE:</u></b>	<b><u>#CLASSES:</u></b>	<b><u>#HOURS:</u></b>
MA230	Normal Labor & Delivery I	5	25
MA235	Nutrition for Childbearing-Lact. Women	5	25
MA240	Religious & Cultural Diversities	4	20
MA245	Applied Psychology	4	20
MA250	Introduction to Complications	5	25
MA255	Lactation-Breastfeeding	5	25
MA260	Parenting	2	10

Total of 150 Classroom Hours

Total of 200 Clinical Hours

Total of 90 Externship Hours

Total of 16.5 Credit Hours

# ***Senior Midwifery Studies***

*(1650 clock hours)*

*Prerequisite for this program is successful completion of the Midwifery Assistant Course.*

## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The Senior Midwifery Studies is a 3 semester program consisting of 450 classroom hours, 500 clinical hours, a minimum of 50 managed births, 20 coached births and 20 assisted births. The purpose of this program is to prepare the student to be a midwife in any setting, to deal with any labor, birth or postpartum complication that may occur and to function with medical peers.

## **PROGRAM OBJECTIVE**

Upon completion of the program, the student will receive a Certificate of Senior Midwifery Studies and will be proficient in the practice of midwifery as defined by Florida Statute, Chapter 467. The program will prepare the student to pass licensure examinations and run a midwifery practice.

## **COURSES FOR MIDWIFERY**

### ***Semester I***

<b>COURSE#</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE:</b>	<b>#CLASSES:</b>	<b>#HOURS:</b>
IM130	AIDS/HIV (Review workshop-required but no credit)		
LM310	A&P of Reproduction System	5	25
LM312	Embryology	4	20
LM314	Loss and Grieving	4	20
LM316	Pharmacology	5	25
LM318	Normal Labor & Delivery II	5	25
LM320	The Neonate	4	20
LM322	History of Midwifery	1	5
LM324	Birth Review I	1	5
LM326	Medical Errors	1	5

Total of 150 Classroom Hours

Total of 150 Clinical Hours

Total of 200 Externship Hours

Total of 15 Credit Hours

### ***Semester II***

<b>COURSE#</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE:</b>	<b>#CLASSES:</b>	<b>#HOURS:</b>
LM328	Nutrition for Childbearing- Lactating Women	4	20
LM330	Legal Aspects of Midwifery	2	10
LM332	Complications of Pregnancy, Birth Postpartum and the Newborn I	6	30
LM334	Normal Antepartum Knowledge & Skills II	7	35
LM336	Well-Woman Gynecology	4	20
LM338	Suturing	3	15
LM340	Birth Review II	1	5
LM342	Laboratory and Diagnostic Testing	3	15

Total of 150 Classroom Hours  
 Total of 150 Clinical Hours  
 Total of 200 Externship Hours  
 Total of 15 Credit Hours

***Semester III***

<b>COURSE#</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE:</b>	<b>#CLASSES:</b>	<b>#HOURS:</b>
LM344	Alternative Therapies	7	35
LM346	Family Planning	5	25
LM348	Complications of Pregnancy, Birth, Postpartum and the Newborn II	6	30
LM350	Collaborative Management	3	15
LM352	Birth Review III	2	10
LM354	Domestic Violence	1	5
LM356	Professional Liability	1	5
LM358	Interpersonal Relationships	2	10
LM360	Comprehensive Review	3	15

Total of 150 Classroom Hours  
 Total of 200 Clinical Hours  
 Total of 300 Externship Hours  
 Total of 17 Credit Hours

# ***THREE YEAR MIDWIFERY PROGRAM***

*(2680 clock hours)*

*Prerequisites for this program are a high school diploma/GED, 3 college credits in English and 3 college credits in Math.*

## ***PROGRAM DESCRIPTION***

Successful completion of “Introduction to Midwifery Program”, “Midwifery Assistant Program”, and “Senior Midwifery Studies” automatically transfer in to the 3 year Midwifery Program, thereby completing the Three Year Midwifery Program and conferring upon the student a Certificate of Completion, without any additional cost or requirements on the student. This program provides training to qualified persons to become proficient in the practice of midwifery (the supervision and facilitation of the process of normal labor and childbirth, including the provision of prenatal and postpartum care). Three year midwifery students will complete 900 class hours and 900 clinical hours with 1800 hours total over 6 semesters. Registered nurses and licensed practical nurses may be granted advanced standing. They must complete 700 classroom hours and 700 clinical hours over a two year period. In no case shall the period be reduced to a period less than two years.  
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## ***PROGRAM OBJECTIVE***

Upon graduation, the student will receive a Certificate of Completion and will be eligible to take the Florida Licensed Midwifery Board Examination. Passage of this examination will allow an individual to practice as a Licensed Midwife in Florida.

### **Definition of Unit of Credit/Clock hour**

15 clock hours of Class=1 Unit of Credit (I credit hour)

30 clock hours of Clinic=1 Unit of Credit (I credit hour)

4 clock hours of labor monitoring=1 Clinic hour

1 clock hour= 50 minutes of direct instruction in the presence of an instructor with a 10-minute break

## ***COURSES FOR THREE YEAR MIDWIFERY PROGRAM***

### *Semester I*

<b><u>COURSE#</u></b>	<b><u>COURSE TITLE:</u></b>	<b><u>#CLASSES:</u></b>	<b><u>#HOURS:</u></b>
IM100	Basic Nursing Skills	10	50
IM110	Human Growth and Development	8	40
IM120	Epidemiology	4	20
IM130	AIDS/HIV	1	5
IM140	Ethics and Professionalism	2	10
IM150	Healthcare Communication	3	15
IM160	Phlebotomy	2	10

Total of 150 Classroom Hours

Total of 10 Credit Hours

### *Semester II*

<b><u>COURSE#</u></b>	<b><u>COURSE TITLE:</u></b>	<b><u>#CLASSES:</u></b>	<b><u>#HOURS:</u></b>
MA210	Anatomy & Physiology	15	75
MA215	Normal Antepartum Knowledge & Skills I	7	35
MA220	Childbirth Education	6	30
MA225	Practice Management I	2	10

Total of 150 Classroom Hours

Total of 200 Clinical Hours

Total of 90 Externship Hours

Total of 16.5 Credit Hours

### *Semester III*

<b><u>COURSE#</u></b>	<b><u>COURSE TITLE:</u></b>	<b><u>#CLASSES:</u></b>	<b><u>#HOURS:</u></b>
MA230	Normal Labor & Delivery I	5	25
MA235	Nutrition for Childbearing-Lact. Women	5	25
MA240	Religious & Cultural Diversities	4	20
MA245	Applied Psychology	4	20
MA250	Introduction to Complications	5	25
MA255	Lactation-Breastfeeding	5	25
MA260	Parenting	2	10

Total of 150 Classroom Hours

Total of 200 Clinical Hours

Total of 90 Externship Hours

Total of 16.5 Credit Hours

***Semester IV***

<b>COURSE#</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE:</b>	<b>#CLASSES:</b>	<b>#HOURS:</b>
LM310	A&P of Reproduction System	5	25
LM312	Embryology	4	20
LM314	Loss and Grieving	4	20
LM316	Pharmacology	5	25
LM318	Normal Labor & Delivery II	5	25
LM320	The Neonate	4	20
LM322	History of Midwifery	1	5
LM324	Birth Review I	1	5
LM326	Medical Errors	1	5

Total of 150 Classroom Hours  
Total of 150 Clinical Hours  
Total of 200 Externship Hours  
Total of 15 Credit Hours

***Semester V***

<b>COURSE#</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE:</b>	<b>#CLASSES:</b>	<b>#HOURS:</b>
LM328	Nutrition for Childbearing- Lactating Women	4	20
LM330	Legal Aspects of Midwifery	2	10
LM332	Complications of Pregnancy, Birth Postpartum and the Newborn I	6	30
LM334	Normal Antepartum Knowledge & Skills II	7	35
LM336	Well-Woman Gynecology	4	20
LM338	Suturing	3	15
LM340	Birth Review II	1	5
LM342	Laboratory and Diagnostic Testing	3	15

Total of 150 Classroom Hours  
Total of 150 Clinical Hours  
Total of 200 Externship Hours  
Total of 15 Credit Hours

*Semester VI*

<b>COURSE#</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE:</b>	<b>#CLASSES:</b>	<b>#HOURS:</b>
LM344	Alternative Therapies	7	35
LM346	Family Planning	5	25
LM348	Complications of Pregnancy, Birth, Postpartum and the Newborn II	6	30
LM350	Collaborative Management	3	15
LM352	Birth Review III	2	10
LM354	Domestic Violence	1	5
LM356	Professional Liability	1	5
LM358	Interpersonal Relationships	2	10
LM360	Comprehensive Review	3	15

Total of 150 Classroom Hours

Total of 200 Clinical Hours

Total of 300 Externship Hours

Total of 17 Credit Hours

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

**IM130 AIDS/HIV**

**5 hours**

Discussing on HIV and AIDS with emphasis on transmission and prevention. Current treatments and care of those with this HIV/AIDS will be discussed, including dealing with sufferers in a humane and empathetic manner.

**LM344 ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE**

**35 hours**

Methods to improve health and treat discomforts and complications through alternative and complementary medicine are taught. of-Chiropractics, Herbology, Homeopathy, Color Therapy, Aroma Therapy, Reflexology, and Acupuncture will be included.

**MA210 ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY**

**75 hours**

A study of the structure and function of the human body with special emphasis on the female pelvis and organs of reproduction.

**LM310 ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY OF THE REPRODUCTIVE CYCLE**

**25 hours**

This course will cover the menstrual cycle, conception, pregnancy, puerperium, lactation, fertility, menopause and miscarriage.

**LM316 PHARMACOLOGY**

**25 hours**

This course is designed to teach the preparation, use and effects of drugs. Emphasis is placed on calculating dosages and measurement, as well as writing scripts. The PDR is extensively used.

**MA245 APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY**

**20 hours**

Approaches to counseling, interviewing skills and the availability of public and private resources are discussed in this course.

**IM100 BASIC NURSING SKILLS**

**50 hours**

Theory and performance of basic health care skills. Topics include vital signs, aseptic technique, preparation and administration of medications, bladder catheterization, finger and heel sticks, enemas, charting, medical terminology and abbreviations, and the surgical environment.

**LM324 BIRTH REVIEW I, II, III**

**20 hours**

A review of those births most recently attended or observed by the student will be presented. All aspects of birth will be reviewed and evaluated. Birth videos will be presented and critiqued.

**MA220 CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION**

**30 hours**

A preparation of the student midwife to be an educator to clients. The education is specific to out of hospital settings. Organizing classes, teaching aids, devising a client manual and speaking in front of a group, course and content, development and delivery of a course are included topics.

**LM350 COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT**

**15 hours**

Discussion of referral of high risk women to obstetrical care by a physician and collaborative care of the higher risk women with medical personnel as outlined by Florida law. Emphasis is on identifying those women who will benefit from collaborative management.

- LM332      *COMPLICATIONS OF PREGNANCY, BIRTH, POSTPARTUM & THE NEWBORN I & II*      60 hours**  
 This course is designed to make the midwife competent in identifying complications and to rapidly place into action means of dealing with the problem and/or transferring the patient to the hospital. Ones role in dealing with transport personnel and the hospital as a patient advocate are covered.
- LM354      *DOMESTIC VIOLENCE*      5 hours**  
 Discussion of the incidence of domestic violence in midwifery client populations and the appropriate counseling and referral of victims of domestic violence.
- LM312      *EMBRYOLOGY*      20 hours**  
 This course is designed to familiarize the student with the terminology associated with embryological development, genetics, genetic testing, dermatogens, the embryo, and the fetus.
- IM120      *EPIDEMIOLOGY*      20 hours**  
 This course is the study of germ theory with emphasis on the spread of disease in children and the elderly.
- IM140      *ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM*      10 hours**  
 Ethical behaviors, professional appearance, liability, and ones responsibility are outlined here.
- LM346      *FAMILY PLANNING*      25 hours**  
 Skills are provided for counseling families on methods of birth control including pharmaceutical and natural.
- IM150      *HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS*      15 hours**  
 Communication skills with clients and other health care professionals are introduced. Emphasis is on communicating in a sensitive, open manner as to inspire trust.
- LM322      *HISTORY OF MIDWIFERY*      5 hours**  
 The history of midwifery is traced from its origins to current practices.
- IM110      *HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT I*      40 hours**  
 This course covers stages of human growth and development with on infancy and geriatrics
- LM358      *INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS*      10 hours**  
 In this course communication skills with clients and other health care professionals are introduced. Emphasis is on communicating in a sensitive, open manner as to inspire trust.
- MA250      *INTRODUCTION TO COMPLICATIONS*      25 hours**  
 Incidence and etiology of complications are discussed with emphasis on identifying deviations from norm.
- LM342      *LABORATORY & DIAGNOSTIC TESTING*      15 hours**  
 Students learn how to perform and/or interpret tests that are relevant to midwifery care. Included are reasons for referral and how to relay the results of the test in a manner they will understand.

- MA255 LACTATION/BREASTFEEDING 25 hours**  
 The advantages and disadvantages of breastfeeding are discussed. The different problems that might occur with the client and infant are presented, including how to solve each problem. Breastfeeding counseling pre and post birth, is also discussed.
- LM330 LEGAL ASPECTS OF MIDWIFERY 20 hours**  
 Current laws regulating the practice of midwifery, their implications, and malpractice are discussed.
- LM314 LOSS & GRIEVING 20 hours**  
 An understanding of the grieving process and relevant coping techniques. The effects on the midwife and her family are discussed.
- MA215 NORMAL ANTEPARTUM KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS I 35 hours**  
 The discomforts of pregnancy, signs and changes of pregnancy, components of the prenatal visit, physical evaluation, charting health history, assessing information gathered, and recognizing deviations from the norm.
- MA230 NORMAL LABOR, DELIVERY & POSTPARTUM I 25 hours**  
 Physiology of normal labor, birth and postpartum are discussed and how the roll of the Midwifery Assistant are discussed in this course.
- LM318 NORMAL LABOR, DELIVERY & POSTPARTUM II 25 hours**  
 Management skills for labor, delivery and postpartum are provided. Emphasis is on dealing with variations.
- MA235 NUTRITION FOR THE CHILDBEARING & LACTATING WOMAN 25 hours**  
 The importance of good nutrition during pregnancy and lactation. Emphasis is on preventing and correcting problems through good nutrition. Techniques for evaluating and counseling the client on nutritional requirements are taught.
- MA260 PARENTING 10 hours**  
 This course covers the time period of early infancy to toddlers. The student will learn how to help the parent adjust to their new baby, as well as explore various methods of parenting. The student will be able to relate information to parents on the developmental stage of preschoolers, their needs, fears, and discipline upon the completion of this course.
- IM160 PHLEBOTOMY 10 hours**  
 Students are taught the correct methods of drawing blood with either a butterfly, syringe, or vacutainer. Appropriate tubes and laboratory requests will be covered.
- LM356 PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY 5 hours**  
 This course is designed to help the midwife understand the legal aspects of her personal liability, while attending women in either prenatal care, labor, or delivery.
- MA240 RELIGIOUS/CULTURAL DIVERSITIES 20 hours**  
 A discussion of the sensitivity and understanding needed to care for the different cultures and religions of families living in the United States.

**LM338 SUTURING**

**15 hours**

Discussions of suturing techniques for first and second degree lacerations and episiotomy repair.

**LM320 THE NEONATE**

**20 hours**

This course teaches newborn exam. Variations in newborn behavior and the transitional time period are discussed. Recognizing and referring deviations from the norm and neonatal complications requiring immediate transfer are taught.

**LM336 WELL WOMAN GYNECOLOGY**

**20 hours**

A study of methods of performing basic gynecological exams, cultures, and tests and identifying abnormalities. Emphasis will be made on making an appropriate referral.