



Post-Graduate Certificate: Midwifery

The Post-Graduate Certificate (PGC): Midwifery program is designed for RNs who already hold a graduate degree (MS, MSN, DNP, or PhD) in Nursing. The Midwifery Certificate includes the knowledge, skills, values, meanings, and experiences needed to educate new midwives in the full scope of the Midwifery Management Process. The program integrates independent, collaborative, consultative, and referral-based midwifery management within an interprofessional healthcare environment.

Graduates of this certificate program will be eligible to take the national certification examination given by the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB). Successful completion of this examination allows the practitioner to use the professional title, “Certified Nurse-Midwife.” The program can be completed in 1 year full time with summer courses. Cohorts are established annually in the Fall. Midwifery courses are offered online with one 3-day intensive on campus per semester. Students are encouraged to explore clinical site placement in their home communities and will be assisted by SU clinical site coordinators.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application and \$30 application fee
- Earned MSN degree from CCNE or ACEN accredited institution with minimum 3.0 GPA
- Unofficial transcripts for initial admission
- Two letters of recommendation
- Current Resume/C.V.
- Essay (250-500 words):
 - Why are you choosing to pursue the Nurse Midwifery role?
- Unencumbered RN license – multi-state preferred
- Copy of Advanced Practice Nursing certification as applicable. Applicants without national certification will be individually evaluated and must submit evidence of their specialty expertise.
- Documentation of 2,080 [RN](#) or [APRN](#) hours (direct patient care required).
- Interview with graduate nursing faculty will be required
- Language Proficiency Requirement must be met. Submission of TOEFL, PTE, or Duolingo English Test may be required. See our policy for full details: <https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students>
- Upon admission up-to-date immunizations and health records, a criminal background check, a urine drug screen, and a BCLS from AHA only will be required

TRANSFER CREDITS

- Only grades of “B” or higher are transferable.
- A maximum of 6 credit hours are transferable.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- Midwifery Questions: Dr. Penny Marzalik
- Admission Questions: Becky Zentmayer, Administrative Assistant for Midwifery Programs, rzentmay@su.edu

WHERE TO BEGIN

- Apply online now by visiting www.su.edu/sonapp.

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

The certificate requirement is 26 semester hours with a grade of “B” or better in all courses. The midwifery curriculum includes at least 720 clinical hours. Since the length and timing of birth is unpredictable, students may require additional hours to gain enough experiences to successfully meet the ACNM Core Competencies for Basic Midwifery Practice 2012.

Courses	Credits
Primary Care of Women	2
Antepartum Care	2
Women’s Health	2
Midwifery Practicum I (180 clinical hours)	3
Comprehensive Perinatal Care	3
Perinatal Complications	2
Midwifery Practicum II (240 clinical hours)	4
Advanced Nurse-Midwifery Role Development	2
Evidence-Based Practice Project	1
Integrated Midwifery Internship (300 clinical hours)	5
Total*	26

**Additional prerequisites may be required for non-NPs which would add two semesters of study and up to 10 credits.*

Shenandoah University’s Nurse-Midwifery program is accredited by the:

**Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education
American College of Nurse-Midwives
8403 Colesville Road, Suite 1550
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(240) 485-1800 / <http://www.midwife.org>**

*For International Students who require an F-1, I-20 visa, due to limited on-campus credit hours, F-1 visas **are not** issued for this program.*