



# Post-Graduate Certificate Nurse-Midwifery

A synchronous online, part-time, one-year certificate program (26 credits)

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Post-Graduate Certificate (PGC) Nurse-Midwifery (NM) program is designed for RNs who already hold a graduate degree (MS, MSN, DNP, or PhD) in Nursing. The Nurse-Midwifery Certificate program provides the student with the necessary skills and knowledge to assume the role of a Certified Nurse-Midwife in a variety of clinical settings. Didactic and course content focuses on role development and the assessment and management of an individual's health (antepartal, intrapartal, postpartal, and neonatal periods, as well as primary care) throughout the lifespan. Graduates of this certificate program will be eligible to take the national certification examination given by the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB). Passing this examination allows the practitioner to use the professional title "Certified Nurse-Midwife."

## PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

- A master's degree in nursing (MSN) from a CCNE, ACEN, or CNEA accredited institution. Recommended 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Active nurse practitioners (NPs): Advanced Health Assessment, Advanced Pathophysiology, and Advanced Pharmacology courses. Recommended grade of "B" or better.
- For applicants with an MSN in a non-NP area:
  - Undergraduate Chemistry course with grade of "C" or better.
  - Will be required to take Advanced Health Assessment, Advanced Pharmacology, Advanced Pathophysiology at Shenandoah before progressing to specialty courses.

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application with \$30 application fee.
- Unofficial transcripts from all institutions for initial admission
- 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.
- Current resume/C.V.
- Documentation of one year of direct patient care prior to specialty courses (it is recommended for applicants to have experience in birth settings)
- Essay (250-500 words): Why are you choosing to pursue the Nurse-Midwifery role?
- Two letters of recommendation
  - One from previous faculty (if graduated in the last five years)
  - One professional reference to attest to clinical experience
- Language proficiency must be met. Submission of TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, or Duolingo English Test may be required. See our policy for full details: <https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students>
- A recorded video introduction/interview will be required.

If admitted, up-to-date immunization and health records, a criminal background check, a urine drug screen, and CPR from AHA only will be required.

For international students who require a visa, due to limited on-campus hours, F-1 visas are not issued for this program.

## ADMISSION & APPLICATION

### Start Term

Fall (August)

### Admission Deadline

Priority: February 15

Final: April 15

Applications are reviewed continuously starting in January until the cohort is full.

### Format/Location

Synchronous online courses meet one day each week.

Students attend one four-day on-campus immersion in the fall and spring semester.

### How to Apply

Begin the online application process by going to [www.su.edu/sonapp](http://www.su.edu/sonapp)

### Foreign Transcripts

International transcript evaluation by an accredited agency is an admission requirement. Approved services are listed at [www.naces.org](http://www.naces.org) and <http://aice-eval.org/>.

### Transfer Credits

A maximum of two courses with a grade of "B" or better are transferable. Upon admission, courses may be submitted for review and approval by the Program Director.

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Shenandoah University's Nurse-Midwifery program is accredited by:  
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American College of Nurse-Midwives  
8403 Colesville Road, Suite 1550  
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(240) 485-1800 / <http://www.midwife.org>

## CURRICULUM

The certificate requirement is 26 total credit hours. Clinical practicum is approximately 720 clock 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 2020.

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Prerequisite Courses for Non-NPs</b>	
Advanced Pathophysiology	3
Advanced Pharmacology	3
Advanced Health Assessment	4

## ABOUT THE ELEANOR WADE CUSTER SCHOOL OF NURSING

Graduate programs in the [Eleanor Wade Custer School of Nursing](#) are challenging, but the rewards of completing your degree are many. We are committed to providing an outstanding education to nurses at all levels. Our programs are dynamic and responsive to the needs of our students and the health care industry.

The curricula for the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Graduate Certificates, and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) programs combine important knowledge and skills with a friendly and caring spirit. Students share diverse backgrounds and professional experiences with seasoned teaching faculty and clinical preceptors, who contribute to robust classroom discussions and enrich clinical interactions. Our goal is to prepare and challenge you for that next step in your professional career.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **How long will it take to complete the program?**  
PGC students typically graduate in one year (including summer).
- **How does Shenandoah help with clinical placements?**  
Students identify potential clinical site placements in their home communities and will be assisted by SU clinical site coordinators.
- **Do applicants need to be currently practicing NPs in order to apply?**  
No, we offer two tracks with our graduate certificates for students with an MSN and a content area in leadership, education, etc. Non-NPs may be required to take additional prerequisite courses at Shenandoah which could add up to two semesters of study.