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**The Midwifery Initiative:  
Unique Avenues in Midwifery  
Education**



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## **Shenandoah University Midwifery Program and Initiative-**

**Increasing access to midwifery education in online and hybrid formats through Shenandoah University and the following collaborating schools:**

**Shenandoah University (on-campus/hybrid)**

**Old Dominion University (online/hybrid)**

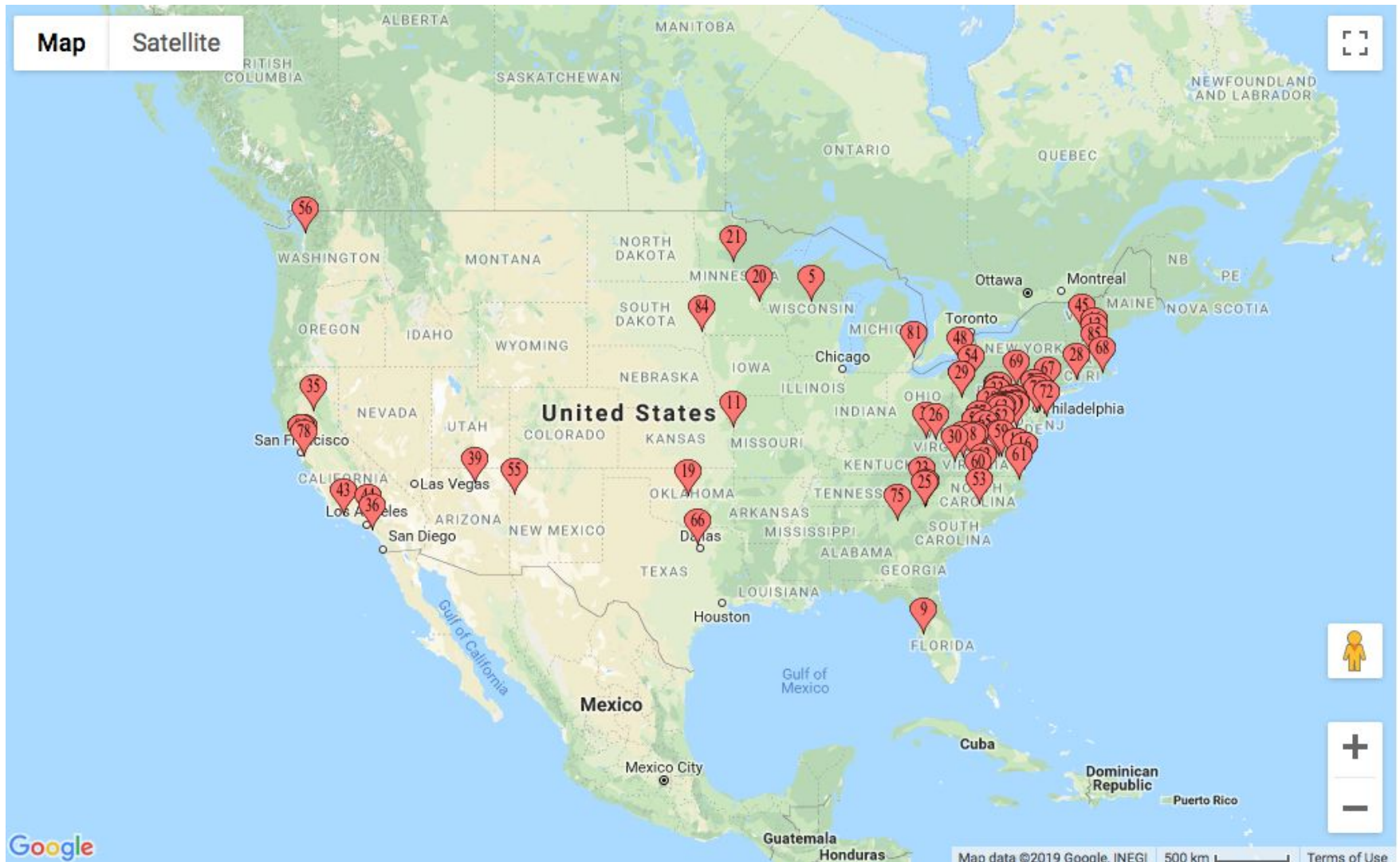
**James Madison University (on-campus/hybrid)**

**West Virginia Wesleyan College (on-campus/hybrid)**

**Marshall University (on-campus/hybrid)**

**George Washington University (online/hybrid)**

# Clinical Sites Available Around the Country



# The Shenandoah University Nurse-Midwifery Program and the Midwifery Initiative

- Allows students to enroll at Shenandoah U or any of our collaborating universities and become a midwife. This increases access to nurse-midwifery *education* to you and therefore it increases the access of nurse-midwifery *care* for women and their families.
- Our curriculum blends intensive face-to-face faculty/group immersion learning, and hi-touch use of technology so you can learn and stay connected while at your clinical site and home community.
- Students enrolled in the initiative schools receive two nationally recognized credentials upon completion of the SU midwifery courses & graduation from their home university:
  - A graduate degree from the home university &
  - A Post Graduate Certificate in Midwifery from Shenandoah University

# Midwifery specialty classes and *minimum* clinical practicum hours

| <b>Semester:</b>           | <b>Courses:</b>   |  |  |   |   |
|----------------------------|---|--|--|---|---|
| Fall<br>Total credits: 9   | NM610: Primary Care of Women (2 credits)<br><i>Lecture Only:</i><br><i>Online</i>               | NM620: Antepartum Care (2 credits)<br><i>Lecture Only:</i><br><i>Online</i>                | NM612: Women's Health (2 credits)<br><i>Lecture Only:</i><br><i>Online</i>   | NMLB624: Midwifery Practicum I (3 credits) (180 clinical hours)<br>*Required 5 day on-campus experience | Total fall semester clinical hours=180<br>Total credits=9   |
| Spring<br>Total credits: 9 | NM640: Comprehensive Perinatal Care (3 credits)<br><i>Lecture Only:</i><br><i>Online</i>        | NM641: Perinatal Complications (2 credits)<br><i>Lecture Only:</i><br><i>Online</i>        | NMLB630: Midwifery Practicum II (4 credits) (240 clinical hours)<br>*Required 5 day on-campus experience                 |   | Total spring semester clinical hours=240<br>Total credits=9   |
| Summer<br>Total credits 8  | NM660: Advanced Midwifery Role Development (2 credits)<br><i>Lecture Only:</i><br><i>Online</i> | NM652: Evidence-Based Practice Project (1 credit)<br><i>Lecture Only:</i><br><i>Online</i> | NMLB651: Integrated Midwifery Internship (5 credits) (300 clinical hours or as needed to achieve midwifery competencies) |   | Total summer (minimum hours)=300<br>Total credits=8   |
|                            |   |  |  |   | Total credits=26<br>Total (minimum) clinical hours=720<br>*number of hours needed to achieve competency |

# Clinical expectations

**Fall:** gyn, antepartum, family planning and primary care of women in the ambulatory setting

**Spring:** carry the above skills to the clinical setting with increasing independence. Beginning intrapartum hours: labor management and birth.

**Summer:** *integration*-growing independence in the role until clinical faculty and preceptor consider the student midwife to be a *safe beginning midwife!*

# What does a midwife have to know in the U.S.?

## ACNM Core Competencies





# Evaluations



## Clinical Evaluation of Students

Clinical

expectations of

students by preceptors





# Get in touch!

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The Shenandoah University Midwifery program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education, 8403 Colesville Rd., Suite 1550, Silver Spring, MD 20919, 240-484-1800