

Midwifery Education Program

- Began in 1993.
- Graduates have a Bachelor of Health Sciences in Midwifery (BHSc).
- Graduates register to practice in Ontario with the College of Midwives of Ontario.

Midwifery clients may be asked to meet with students who are in their first year in the program. Students benefit from a variety of experiences such as meeting clients at clinic appointments, to coming to births in an observation or supporter role, at this early stage of their program.

Midwifery Placement 1

The student learns how to care for women during pregnancy, labour, birth and after the birth. When students are with women, the midwife teacher is always with the student. The student learns how to perform clinical skills and provide information. The midwife teacher shows the student how to support the woman during the birth.

Midwifery Placement 2

The student acts more and more as the midwife, but she always has her midwife teacher nearby.

Midwifery Placement 3

By this time, the student is expected to know a lot about how to care for women all through the pregnancy, birth and after the birth. She can do much more of the care of the woman and baby with her midwife teacher nearby.

Clerkship

In the last course, the student must show that she can give all the care for the woman and the baby from the beginning of the pregnancy, during labour and birth, and after the birth. The student will be the midwife, but the midwife teacher is always near.

Having a Midwifery Student

What are the benefits of having a student?

- The student will give labour support, information and extra time.
- The student will be an extra pair of helping hands so that there is more time to spend with you.

Will my midwife still care for me?

- A midwife teacher will always be present or nearby when you are with the student.

Will the student be at all of my visits?

- The student will be at as many of your visits as possible so you can get to know each other.

Will the student be at my birth?

What will she be doing?

- The student will usually be at your birth.
- She may be watching, helping to take care of you, or catching your baby. The midwife teacher will show the student how to care for you and your baby.

What if the student doesn't know how to do something?

- The student will say she doesn't know and will ask the midwife teacher for help.

Do I have to have a student?

- No, it is always your choice. Your midwife may suggest that you try meeting the student and see how you feel then.

I'm happy to have a student. What can I do to help?

- Tell the student what you like and don't like about her care. You are helping the student to learn.

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What women say
about our students:
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“I think it is wonderful that students are given the opportunity to have hands-on training with experienced midwives.”

“We enjoyed having the student be our primary care giver. We felt comfortable with the student, and we felt she had enough knowledge to serve us.”

“Our student was exceptional. She contributed greatly to the whole birthing experience and, we were grateful for the help.”

“The student was amazing. I hope she can be just as involved in my next pregnancy.”

Thank you for helping the next generation of midwives.



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Our Practice
has a student...

Name:

University of
Enrollment:

Level:

Start Date:

End Date:

For more information, please contact the

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Midwifery Students

Women are important

*teachers for
midwifery students.*

The midwifery

student should

make a woman's

care even better.

*Students learn
from you*