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Midwifery School Approval Requirements

Instructions: To become an approved midwifery school with the Medical Board of California, please provide the information requested below. The checklist outlines the requirements of California Business and Professions Code Section 2512.5, the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1379.30, and California Business and Professions Code Section 2513 (should you wish to offer that Program). Please prepare or complete the listed documents and submit to the address below:

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- **Midwifery School Approval & Challenge Matrix** - Please note, the criteria listed on the matrix are the minimum requirements to qualify. If your program exceeds these requirements, please indicate such on a separate sheet attached to the matrix. Please identify in the Comments column the document and page number that provides evidence of each requirement listed.
- **Complete Curriculum/Educational Objectives** - Provide a complete summary of the midwifery school curriculum and the educational objectives at your school. You may combine both the curriculum summaries and the educational objectives.
- **Midwifery Education and Challenge Program Examination** - This documentation must show your program's credit by examination policy and the proficiency and practical exam.
- **Copy of the "Summarized" Results of a School Accreditation Review** - Provide the most recently written evidence that your midwifery education program has been accredited or re-accredited by a national (U.S.) accrediting institution. This evidence may include, as an example, the MEAC Self Evaluation Report (SER), or re-accreditation results from your school accrediting organization.
- **Current School Catalog** - Submit your current school catalog.
- **Descriptive Data** - If you would like to add any additional descriptive data regarding the above requirements, please provide this information on a separate document.

Please contact Board staff, Tonya Morairty, at Tonya.Morairty@mbc.ca.gov for any questions.



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Midwifery School Approval and Challenge Matrix

Name of School:	
City/State/Zip Code:	
Point of Contact:	
Phone Number:	
Email address:	

Midwifery School Accrediting Agency: _____

Accreditation Period: _____

SCHOOL APPROVAL CRITERIA: Minimum Statutory and Regulatory Requirements		MBC-USE ONLY		COMMENTS* You must identify source document and page number
		Yes	No	
1.	Currently accredited as a school/program in good standing with accrediting organization approved by the Board? (Proof of accreditation required)			
3.	At a minimum, does the midwifery education program offer the following midwifery education:			
	a. Management of normal pregnancy			
	b. Management of normal labor and delivery in all birth settings, including:			
	1. Administering intravenous fluids, analgesics, postpartum oxytocic drugs, and RhoGAM			
	2. Amniotomy during labor			
	3. Application of external or internal monitoring devices			

SCHOOL APPROVAL CRITERIA: Minimum Statutory Requirements		MBC USE ONLY	COMMENTS* You must identify source document and page number
	4. Administration of "local" anesthesia, paracervical blocks, pudendal blocks, and local infiltration		
	5. Episiotomy		
	6. Repair of episiotomies and lacerations		
	7. Resuscitation of the newborn		
	8 Management of the normal postpartum period		
	d Management of the normal newborn care, including administration of vitamin "K" and eye prophylaxis		
	e Management of family planning and routine gynecological care, including barrier methods of contraception, such as diaphragms and cervical caps		
4.	Three-year postsecondary Midwifery Education Program (Business and Professions Code (BPC) §2512.5(a)(2) through (b))		
	a Midwifery curriculum consists of a minimum of 84 semester/126 quarter units		
	b One hour of instruction each week throughout a semester or quarter equals one unit		
	c Three hours of clinical practice each week throughout a semester or quarter equals one unit		
	d Provides both academic <u>and</u> clinical preparation equivalent, but not identical, to that provided in programs by the American College of Nurse-Midwives (BPC §2512.5 (a)(3))		

MIDWIFERY SUBJECT AREAS (BPC §2512.5(a)(3)(A-F))		MBC-USE ONLY		COMMENTS* You must identify source document and page number
(A)	The art and science of midwifery (½ in theory; ½ clinical practice)			
	Theory and clinical practice shall be concurrent in the areas of maternal and child health, and may include, but not be limited to, labor, delivery, neonatal well care, and postpartum care			
(B)	Communications skills, including principles of oral, written, and group communications			
(C)	(1) Anatomy and Physiology			
	(2) Genetics			
	(3) Obstetrics and Gynecology			
	(4) Embryology and Fetal Development			
	(5) Neonatology			
	(6) Applied Microbiology			
	(7) Chemistry			
	(8) Child Growth and Development			
	(9) Pharmacology			
	(10) Nutrition			
	(11) Laboratory Diagnostic Tests and Procedures			
	(12) Physical Assessment			
(D)	Concepts in psychosocial, emotional, and cultural aspects of maternal and child care, human sexuality, counseling and teaching, maternal and infant and family bonding process, breast feeding, family planning, principles of preventive health, and community health			
(E)	Aspects of the normal pregnancy, labor and delivery, postpartum period, newborn care, family planning or routine gynecology care in alternative birth centers, homes and hospitals			

MIDWIFERY SUBJECT AREAS (B&P Code Section 2512.5(a)(3)(A-F))		MBC-USE ONLY		COMMENTS* You must identify source document and page number
(F)	These elements shall be integrated throughout the entire curriculum:			
(1)	Midwifery Process			
(2)	Basic intervention skills in preventive, remedial, and supportive midwifery			
(3)	The knowledge and skills required to develop collegial relationships with healthcare providers from other disciplines			
(4)	Related behavioral and social sciences with emphasis on societal and cultural patterns, human development, and behavior related to maternal and child health, illness, and wellness			
(G)	Instruction shall also be given in personal hygiene, client abuse, cultural diversity, and the legal, social, and ethical aspects of midwifery			
(H)	The program shall include the midwifery management process, which shall include all the following:			
(1)	Obtaining or updating a defined and relevant database for assessment of the health status of the client			
(2)	Identifying problems based upon correct interpretation of the database			
(3)	Preparing defined needs or problem list, or both, with corroboration from the client			
(4)	Consulting, collaborating with, and referring to, appropriate members of the health care team			

MIDWIFERY SUBJECT AREAS (BPC §2512.5(a)(3)(A-F))		MBC-USE ONLY		COMMENTS* You must identify source document and page number
(5)	Providing information to enable clients to make appropriate decisions and to assume appropriate responsibility for their own health			
(6)	Assuming direct responsibility for the development of comprehensive supportive care for the client and with the client			
(7)	Assuming direct responsibility for implementing the “plan of care”			
(8)	Initiating appropriate measures for obstetrical and neonatal emergencies			
(9)	Evaluating, with corroboration from the client, the achievement of health care goals and modifying the plan of care appropriately			
CHALLENGE MECHANISM PROGRAM MIDWIFERY SUBJECT AREAS (CCR §1379.15)		MBC-USE ONLY		COMMENTS* You must identify source document and page number
Midwifery education program offers students the opportunity to obtain credit by examination for previous midwifery education and clinical experience.				
Verification of at least 50% of the following minimum number of clinical experiences within five years immediately preceding the date of the application:				
(1)	20 new antepartum visits clinical experiences			
(2)	75 return antepartum visits			
(3)	20 labor management experiences			
(4)	20 deliveries			
(5)	40 postpartum visits, within the first five days after birth			
(6)	20 newborn assessments			
(7)	40 postpartum/family planning/gynecology visits			

Approved Midwifery Schools

The three-year program at each of the following approved midwifery schools has been accepted as meeting the educational requirements for a license as a midwife in California. Approval was granted based on the program meeting the qualifications listed in Business and Professions Code and Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations section.

An applicant who has satisfactorily completed the three-year program at one of the approved midwifery schools must ask the school to submit directly to the board a verification of graduation. Note: If the school is no longer in operation, the applicant must submit sufficient supporting documentation to verify graduation from the approved program.

Florida

[Florida School of Traditional Midwifery](#)

Idaho

[Mercy In Action College of Midwifery](#)

New Mexico

[National College of Midwifery](#)

Utah

[Midwives College of Utah](#)

Vermont

[National Midwifery Institute](#)

Washington

[Bastyr University Department of Midwifery Program](#)

Approved Challenge Mechanism Programs

The challenge mechanism programs at the following approved midwifery schools have been accepted. As defined in statute, the challenge mechanism process allows students to obtain credit by examination for previous midwifery education and clinical experience.

Vermont

[National Midwifery Institute](#)

Schools Approved but no Longer in Existence

- Delphi Center for Midwifery Studies
- 5 Star Home Health Services, Inc.
- Seattle Midwifery School
- School of Complementary Medicine

For more information on how to become a Board-approved midwifery school, click here [Link](#)

Open link -

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[Link to documents – school approval requirements](#)

[Link to documents – school matrix](#)

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