

Master of Science in Nursing: Nurse-Midwifery

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN): Nurse-Midwifery 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 women's health (antepartal, intrapartal, postpartal, and neonatal periods, as well as primary women's health) throughout the lifespan. The program can be completed in 2 years full time with summer courses.

Cohorts are established annually in the Fall. *The School of Nursing is in the process of seeking approval to offer this program in a fully online format with synchronous class meetings.* During the second year of the program, students attend one three-day on-campus intensive each fall and spring. Students are encouraged to explore clinical site placement in their home communities and will be assisted by SU clinical site coordinators. Graduates of this program will be eligible to take the national certification examination given by the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate application and \$30 application fee
- Earned BSN degree from CCNE or ACEN accredited institution with minimum 3.0 GPA
- Unofficial transcripts for initial admission
- Completion of Health Assessment, Pathophysiology, and Pharmacology courses with grade of "B" or better.
- Completion of undergraduate Statistics course with a grade of "C" or better within the last five years.
- Three recommendation letters
 - One from previous faculty (if graduated in last 5 years)
 - Two professional who can attest to clinical experience
- Essay (250-500 words):
 - Why are you choosing to pursue the Nurse Midwifery role?
- Current Resume/C.V.
- Unencumbered RN license – multi-state preferred
- [Documentation of one year of direct patient care](#) prior to specialty courses
- 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

*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.*

TRANSFER CREDITS

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

WHERE TO BEGIN

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The degree requirement is 49 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.0 or better. Minimum grade of "B" required in all specialty 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
Advanced Practice Role, Ethics & Policy	3
Advanced Concepts in Physiology & Pathophysiology	3
3 Credit Graduate Elective	3
Advanced Pharmacology & Therapeutics	3
Advanced Health Promotion & Assessment Across the Lifespan	4
Evidence Based Research	4
Data Interpretation & Informatics	3
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	49

* Normally, our clock hour to clinical credit is 4:1; however, in courses with an IP clinical component, the number of experiences should be sufficient to meet students' learning needs.

Shenandoah University's Nurse-Midwifery program is accredited by the:
Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education
American College of Nurse-Midwives

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