Information about the Shenandoah University Midwifery Initiative

Old Dominion University        West Virginia Wesleyan College
Radford University             James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University       George Washington University
Marshall University

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Why attend midwifery school through the Shenandoah University Nurse-Midwifery Initiative?

- The Midwifery Initiative allows you to enroll with us or any of our collaborating universities and become a nurse-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 is a blend of intensive face-to-face faculty/group immersion learning, and hi-touch use of technology while you are in your clinical sites.

- You receive two nationally recognized credentials upon graduation from your Home university:
  - A graduate degree from your Home university and,
  - A Post Graduate Certificate in Midwifery from Shenandoah University
The red dots show where ODU and Marshall Universities telebroadcast their graduate nursing programs.
Applying to Midwifery School through the Midwifery Initiative

- Apply to one of the collaborating universities listed below. That will become your "Home" university. If you are accepted there, you are automatically accepted into the SU Nurse-Midwifery Program.

Home Universities are:

- Old Dominion University
- Radford University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Marshall University
- West Virginia Wesleyan College
- James Madison University
- George Washington University

SU is also provides the MSN credential with a specialty in Nurse-Midwifery. If you are interested in applying directly to SU Contact our Admissions Department at:

http://www.admissions.su.edu/admissions-3/apply-now/

How will I progress towards my degree?

1. You will complete the core graduate courses at your home university (Please see your Home University for details).

2. After taking your core courses, you will enter a cohort of students starting the midwifery classes at SU in the same year as you do. All cohorts start in the Fall semester. Your cohort will be determined when you plan your course of study with your home university advisor. Your time of entry into a cohort may change depending on changes that you make in your plan of study.

Please inform SU if you change your plan of study while you are attending the Midwifery Initiative Home Universities!
Summary of Progression Pathway through the Midwifery Initiative:

1. Attend your Home University (Graduate Courses and Prepare for your clinical experiences)

Then

2. Attend

Nurse-Midwifery Program Courses

Obtain a
Graduate Degree from your Home University and a
Post Graduate Certificate in Midwifery from SU

Take the national certification exam to become a certified nurse-midwife.

Midwifery Courses are taught in a hybrid distance format. What does this mean?

This means that we blend face-to-face interactions with online teaching strategies. This helps you have the flexibility to reside close to your home university (or anywhere in the nation), and combines hi-tech with hi-touch.

The Fall and Spring semesters are structured in 3 sections:

1. Preparation for Immersion Week
   - Online Module Preparation

2. Immersion Week
   - Face-to-Face on Campus at SU

3. Clinical and:
   - Leading and Participating in online case study discussions
   - Completing online quizzes
   - Having online individual discussions monthly with midwifery faculty
   - Receiving faculty clinical site visits
   - Completing a final exam (choose online or on-campus)
Before "Semester" Begins: Students update course module units.

First 2 weeks: Study updated units to prepare for Immersion Week

Third week: Immersion Week at SU campus.

Weeks 4-14: Clinical (includes participating & leading case studies, completing quizzes, and attending occasional lectures. All online).

Week 15: Course reviews + exam.

During the Summer Semester (Midwifery Internship), students will not be required to come to the SU campus. Courses are completed by July 31.

What are Modules?

Modules help students organize study materials. They are like textbooks that contain units (or chapters) on specific course topics. Units contain objectives (like chapter sections). Each cohort updates the previous cohort’s units creating current modules, or "living textbooks" of focused student notes. Units are delegated evenly among all students before each course begins. Students then contribute their updated units to the cohort. The Midwifery office puts them online for all students to share.

Objectives: Are in units. Specific topics within units. "Sections" in "chapters"

Units: Create Module. The "chapters" within the "textbooks"

Module: The "textbook," i.e., collection of units (chapters).
3 modules: NM610, 620 & 640 in Midwifery Program
What courses do I take in the Midwifery Program?

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How many clinical hours do I have to complete?

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*Minimum # of clinical hours in the Spring & Summer semesters is extended due to the unique nature of nurse-midwifery care (1 birth/many hours).

🌟 # OF EXPERIENCES SUPERCEDE the # OF HOURS IN SPRING & SUMMER SEMESTERS!

Can I be employed while enrolled in the Midwifery Program?

Due to the intensity of the clinical experiences (especially in Spring and Summer) we recommend that students either not be employed or be employed only part time.
Are students responsible for finding their clinical sites?

No, however, we ask students to help us . . .

While you are still taking core courses, we begin site placement.

We orient you to an online clinical site worksheet that you share with us to provide your location preferences, employment plans, etc, for each semester at SU.

Unfortunately the paucity of clinical sites may prevent us from obtaining students’ first choices.

Will I be in contact with SU’s Midwifery Program while I’m taking core courses at my Home University?

- SU keeps in contact with students from Home universities annually.

- A year before you come to SU, we have phone conversations with you to review the Program requirements, and begin your clinical site placements.

- You also will be contacted in Jan/Feb before you come to begin your paperwork to make your attendance at SU official! You’ll fill out an abbreviated application form so that we can issue you a student number. Don’t worry! If you’re accepted into your Home University, you’re already accepted into the Program! This is just a bureaucratic step..

- We will also be talking to you about your financial aid arrangements, your health records, background checks, and, of course, your unit updates for your modules.
Where will my clinical sites be?

- They can be in variety of locations: birth centers, homes, hospitals, Clinics, Private Practices, Health Departments, Planned Parenthood Clinics, Community Health Clinics, etc.

AND

- Because of the way our curriculum is structured, they can be anywhere in the United States because all of your coursework during your clinical experiences are online.

In Summary you will:

- Attend Home University Core Courses
  - Begin preparing for your clinical a year before you come to SU.

- Attend Nurse-Midwifery Courses at SU
  - Prepare your Modules
  - Participate in Immersion Week
  - Complete clinicals while participating in case studies
  - Complete quizzes
  - Complete your final exams every semester.

- Graduate!
  - Receive graduate degree from your Home University & a Post Graduate Certificate in Midwifery from SU

- Take your Certification Exam
  - To become a Certified Nurse-Midwife.
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nurse-midwifery-programs/

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