Nurse-Midwifery: MSN and Post Graduate Certificate Programs

Use this information to help you ask a preceptor for clinical placement

Nurse-Midwifery Clinical Courses Summer Semester Preparation
Accreditation Information

The Shenandoah University Nurse-Midwifery Program is fully accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education, 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 1550, Silver Spring, MD 20910-6374; Tel: 240-485-1802, acme@acnm.org, www.midwife.org/acme

If you come to us from one of our collaborating Nursing Schools, you are part of our “Midwifery Initiative,” a series of collaboration between Shenandoah and six other nursing schools. These schools are...
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<td>Johns Hopkins University</td>
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The SU Midwifery Program and its Midwifery Initiative...

- Increases access to nurse-midwifery education for you and therefore increases access to your midwifery care,

- Blends intensive face-to-face faculty/group immersion learning, and hi-touch use of technology so students can learn and stay connected while they are away at their clinical sites.

- Confers graduates with nationally recognized credentials:
  - A MSN from SU’s graduate nurse-midwifery program for SU enrollees, OR,
  - A SU Post Graduate Certificate in Midwifery & a graduate degree from Midwifery Initiative home schools, OR,
  - A SU Post Graduate Certificate in Midwifery if enrolled in the SU Program which requires a nationally recognized graduate degree in nursing upon entry.
The Midwifery Curriculum
And its clinical requirements.
# Midwifery Courses:

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| **Fall**  | NM/LB 610: Primary Care of Women (3 credits)  
Lecture & Clinical |
| Total credits: 6 | NM/LB 620: Comprehensive Antepartal Care (3 credits)  
Lecture & Clinical |
| **Spring** | NMLB 630: Midwifery Practicum (3 credits)  
Clinical Only |
| Total credits: 6 | NM/LB 640: Comprehensive Perinatal Care (3 credits)  
Lecture & Clinical |
| **Summer** | NMLB 651: Midwifery Internship (5 credits)  
Clinical Only |
| Total credits: 7 | NM660: Advanced Midwifery Role Development (1 credit)  
Lecture Only: Online |
|            | NM652: Evidence Based Practice Project: (1 credit)  
Lecture: Online Group Project |
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<th>Clinical Experiences:</th>
<th>Hours:</th>
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<td>Fall NM/LB610, 620</td>
<td>Gyn, Primary Care &amp; Antepartal Care</td>
<td>Total: 120 clinic hrs (60 each course)</td>
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<td><strong>Spring</strong> NMLB630, NM/LB640 (Begin Full-Scope Midwifery Care)</td>
<td><strong>630</strong>: Combines Gyn, PC, AP</td>
<td><strong>630</strong>: at least 180 hrs clinic hours</td>
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<td><strong>640</strong>: IP, PP, L&amp;D, Neo (You start delivering babies in NM/LB640!)</td>
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<td>Summer NM651</td>
<td>651: Nurse-Midwifery Internship</td>
<td># of Experiences (at least 300 hrs)</td>
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Check your Clinical Objectives to see what you will do during these clinicals.
Clinical Experiences in Spring Semester

180 Office hours for AP & Gyn & Numbers of Experiences for Intrapartum, Postpartum & Neonatal Care

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<th>Subject</th>
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<td>Gyn, PC, AP Care</td>
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<td>NM/LB 640</td>
<td>Perinatal Care: (Intrapartum: Labor &amp; Delivery, Postpartum, Neonatal Care)</td>
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By taking NMLB630 and NM640, you begin “FULL SCOPE MIDWIFERY:” Primary Care, Women’s Health, Antepartum, Intrapartum, Postpartum, and Newborn Care.
Special Note!!

A word about clinical hours

- Other professional education programs can inform students of the number of clinical hours required to complete their courses. Not so with midwifery programs because:

- Midwifery students learn to “be with” a woman during labor, birth, and postpartum. These events can’t be allotted to numbers of clinical hours, therefore once you start helping women deliver their babies (Spring & Summer Semesters) your number of required hours will go to the number of required experiences e.g. the number of labors you attended, babies you helped women deliver, newborns you cared for.

At this time we recommend strongly that you regulate your clinical experience so that you have a significant rest period (e.g. 6-12 hours) after each delivery or labor management.
Clinical Experiences

✧ Experiences can be in: Birth Centers, Hospitals, Clinics, Homes, Military facilities, Indian Health Service, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, private practices, etc.

✧ Students may not have clinical rotations in the same specialty location in which they are employed. For example, if employed in a hospital that s/he also has a clinical site, the student must not work in the same area (& those associated with it) while they are having their clinical experiences there. If this is unavoidable the student must have their clinical experience in a different site from where they are employed.
Who can be preceptors for nurse-midwifery students?

✧ The majority of your clinical experiences should be with a certified nurse-midwife/certified midwife, however you may also have clinical experiences with other qualified maternity/women’s health care professionals. Please contact our office if you have any questions about whether a health care professional can qualify as your preceptor.
Travel

The ability to travel to clinical sites is essential. In most cases, the availability of clinical sites is directly correlated to ability to travel. Unfortunately, we may not be able to accommodate a particular location based on student travel limitations, therefore, if the student’s travel abilities are limited, clinical site availability is also limited.

The ability to travel may consist of distance travel up to 3 hours, or short-term relocation. Short term relocation is often based on whether the student has living accommodations at that distant site. Students must fill out their clinical site worksheets to let us know travel restrictions as well as possible locations (in the U.S.) they can travel to.
Familiarize yourself with the SU School of Nursing attendance policy located in the Student Handbook at the above site. Copy & paste in your URL if necessary.

Students are responsible to arrange their personal lives to accommodate the decision to attend school. Please have these arrangements in place!
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