



Post-Graduate Certificate: Midwifery

The Post-Graduate Certificate (PGC): Midwifery program is designed for RNs who already hold a graduate degree (MS, MSN, DNP, or PhD) in Nursing. The Midwifery Certificate includes the knowledge, skills, values, meanings, and experiences needed to educate new midwives in the full scope of the Midwifery Management Process. The program integrates independent, collaborative, consultative, and referral-based midwifery management within an interprofessional healthcare environment.

Graduates of this certificate program will be eligible to take the national certification examination given by the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB). Successful completion of this examination allows the practitioner to use the professional title, “Certified Nurse-Midwife.” The program can be completed in 1 year full time with summer courses.

Cohorts are established annually in the Fall. Midwifery courses are offered on campus for one full intensive week per semester with the remainder of the course offered online. Students are encouraged to explore clinical site placement in their home communities and will be assisted by SU clinical site coordinators.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate application and \$30 application fee
- Earned MSN degree from CCNE or ACEN (previously NLNAC) accredited institution with minimum 3.0 GPA
- Unofficial transcripts for initial admission
- Two references, one from previous faculty who can attest to academic ability, and one from an individual who can attest to clinical expertise.
- Resume/C.V.
- Essay answering the following questions:
 - How will this degree advance your professional goals?
 - What is your research area of interest?
- Copy of current RN license
- 2,080 RN clinical work hours prior to specialty courses
- Interview with graduate nursing faculty may be required.
- Successful completion of MSN courses in Physical Assessment, Pathophysiology, and Pharmacology with a grade of “B” or better.
- 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 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

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CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

The certificate requirement is 19 semester hours with a grade of “B” or better in all courses. The midwifery curriculum includes at least 660 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
Primary Care of Women (plus Practicum)	2(1)*
Comprehensive Antepartal Care (plus Practicum)	2(1)*
Midwifery Practicum	(3)*
Comprehensive Perinatal Care (plus Practicum)	2(1)*
Integrated Midwifery Internship	(5)*
Evidence-Based Practice Project	1
Advanced Nurse-Midwifery Role Development	1
Total	19

* Courses that have both didactic and clinical credits. Clinical credits are in parenthesis.

* 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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