

Midwifery Institute Announces

First Assisting for Cesarean Birth: A Course for Women's Health Professionals



*An Online Continuing Education Course instructed by
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Many midwives and women's health professionals now practice the role of first assistant for cesarean births. The role combines technical skills with woman-centered care for a safe and rewarding birth experience. This innovative online course provides the student with the essential knowledge and skills required to begin clinical training as a first assistant for cesarean births.

Course Modules

- Introduction and Key Professional Issues
- Principles of Surgical Practice
- Operative Anatomy and Physiology, Pathophysiology and Pre-operative Care
- Principles of First Assisting during Cesarean Birth
- Role of the First Assistant: Surgical Technique for Cesarean Birth
- Post-operative Care, Complications, Professional Issues and Course Summary

Professional information, including billing, coding and credentialing issues will be addressed, as well as strategies for introducing the role of first assistant for cesarean births in facilities where it is not yet practiced.

Goals

Students will learn to:

- Demonstrate theory and skills necessary to first assisting
- Exhibit basic knowledge and skills necessary to begin clinical training
- Express knowledge of professional requirements to expand the scope of practice to include surgical first assisting
- Discuss and identify surgical anatomy, surgical techniques, common procedures and instrumentation relevant to cesarean birth
- Recognize common approaches and surgical techniques for cesarean birth
- Identify and/or demonstrate recommendations for appropriate aseptic techniques used during cesarean birth
- Identify common components of post-operative care
- Develop a plan for identifying complications

* Although this course provides the tools and structure to meet ACNM recommendations, students should arrange the clinical experience at a facility where already credentialed.

2007 - 2008 Schedule of Course Offerings

Please Choose from one of the following sessions:

October 1 to November 9, 2007

January 21 to February 29, 2008

May 12 to June 20, 2008

This six-week online course will take approximately 60 hours (10 hours per week) to complete. This course is self-paced within the six-week time frame. Students are encouraged to register at least one week in advance of start date. Once the course begins, students must register for the next date offered.

Tuition

\$695

Credits

This course has been approved by the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM). Students who successfully complete the course will receive six CEUs.



For more information or to register, please contact:

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