

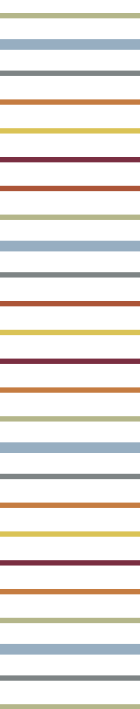
Philadelphia University

SCHOOL OF
Science and Health



Master of Science in Midwifery
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Nurse-Midwifery

Power to Do





Midwifery Programs

The Midwifery Institute of Philadelphia University

- Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Nurse-Midwifery
- Master of Science Program in Midwifery

Our Model:

Philadelphia University offers a community-based model that addresses a primary issue confronting many who wish to continue their education – that of relocation. At Philadelphia University, you can become a nurse-midwife without moving or uprooting your family.



Community-Based Education Model



Distance Learning

... attend school from the comfort of your own home.

Philadelphia University offers two programs in Midwifery: Certificate (CNM) and Master's (MS) levels

The 21-month certificate nurse-midwifery education program (CNM) is accredited by the American College of Nurse-Midwives and is offered at a distance. The CNM program is built on a flexible, distributed (at home/anytime) curriculum that provides an innovative, interactive learning environment with accelerated options for nurse practitioners and foreign educated nurse-midwives.

The Master of Science program in Midwifery (MS) provides the option to complete a master's degree entirely at a distance in one year by taking 12 additional credits. The MS program values and builds upon previous nurse-midwifery/midwifery education and practical experience. This program is available to midwives certified by the ACNM, as well as student midwives currently enrolled in ACNM-accredited educational programs.

Students are eligible to enroll in both programs (CNM & MS) concurrently and complete them at essentially the



same time. The CNM & MS programs are designed for interactive distance learning providing the opportunity to stay in your own community without losing the personal connections of midwifery education. Our model mimics the midwifery model of care for women: students are treated with respect as individuals through a personalized approach that encompasses all aspects of the educational process.

POST BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN NURSE-MIDWIFERY

Dynamic Educational Environment >>

Our dynamic educational environment is a blend of midwifery tradition and new technologies. You can attend school from the comfort of your own home, with "anytime" communications available via the computer. Your clinical experience takes place in your own community, with a one-on-one midwife preceptor. Our midwifery education program was designed from the beginning for distance learning — and it works!

Our Method:

Our 21-month full time program integrates theory and practice. There are three "trimesters" of both study and clinical experience completed in your home community and three on-campus sessions for intensive learning of hand skills, guest lectures by experts in midwifery and other specialties, and time to bond with classmates and faculty. Clinical experience begins in the eighth month of study.

Special, Unique Qualities

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Experienced Faculty and Communication Network >>

Our Faculty:

Our faculty are experienced in teaching nurse-midwifery at a distance. As this type of education demands special capabilities of students and faculty, our unique “Midwife Tutors” are both experienced midwives and educators — dedicated to working closely with you. Faculty work with small groups of students, blending the best of self-directed learning, interactive instruction, and nurturing to give you one-on-one contact — even at a distance.

The Midwifery Institute of Philadelphia University has developed a rich curriculum designed by



experts in midwifery, adult education, and distance learning. Our clinical faculty (preceptors) are practicing nurse-midwives in your community, who will mentor you during your clinical experiences.

Our Network:

A distance-learning program requires a reliable, flexible and user-friendly method for communicating. Our computer-based system enables students and faculty to exchange personal messages, assignments, course materials and curriculum updates quickly and easily. Each student participates in seminar room discussions.

While the computer environment in our program is intuitive and easy to use, students will need to have basic knowledge of computer skills, word processing, and Internet use.



CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Admissions Requirements >>

Classes begin twice a year, in fall and spring. Admission into the program is on-going. To be eligible for admission to The Midwifery Institute of Philadelphia University, you must:

- Submit a professional resumé
- Be a registered nurse currently licensed in the state in which you work
- Hold a baccalaureate or higher degree in any discipline with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher
- Have completed a 3-credit Physical Assessment course (or equivalent) within five years of your start date, with a grade of "B" or better
- Have a written promise of a clinical site with a nurse-midwifery preceptor
- Own a computer and have Internet access
- Submit two letters of reference
- Submit official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate courses
- Submit a written essay
- Submit official standardized test scores (GRE or the MAT) unless you already possess a master's degree

In addition, one year of nursing experience is strongly recommended. It is also strongly recommended that some of this experience be in maternal, child, or women's health nursing.

Qualified applicants will be granted a telephone interview by a Philadelphia University faculty member. The Admissions Committee will further consider an interview conducted by your nurse-midwifery preceptor in reviewing your application for admission.

Advanced Placement Option

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Advanced Placement Option (APO) for Nurse Practitioners and Foreign Educated Midwives

The purpose of the APO is to assure sound preparation in nurse-midwifery, while minimizing repetition of learning activities for knowledge and skills already attained. The APO may allow the student to accelerate through the nurse-midwifery program or complete the program on a part-time basis.

Applicants for the APO complete the general admissions process for the certificate program and, in addition, submit detailed documentation of previous professional education and clinical practice by completing the APO portfolio provided.

To be eligible for the APO, applicants must:

- Meet all of the Certificate Program's admissions requirements. Foreign educated midwives are exempt from the GRE/MAT requirement for the certificate program. However the GRE/MAT is required for all students enrolling in the master's completion option
- Provide documentation of successful completion of a nurse practitioner or midwifery program accredited by the recognized regulatory body for the jurisdiction where the institution is located

- Have no history of any professional credential revocation
- Take and submit results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language [TOEFL] with a minimum score of 550 [paper-based] or 213 [computer-based], or submit a transcript showing the completion of the highest level of an intensive English language program if they are from countries whose first language is not English
- Have a minimum of two (2) years experience in advanced clinical practice as a nurse practitioner or midwife within the previous ten (10) years, or have graduated from a nurse practitioner or midwifery education program within the previous three (3) years
- Have in-hospital work experience as an RN in the United States for at least one (1) year in the preceding five (5) years in maternal/newborn care, if they are foreign educated midwives (FEM)



MASTER OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN MIDWIFERY

Philadelphia University, the first school in the United States to offer a Master of Science Program in Midwifery, has an exciting way for you to earn your master's degree through an innovative distance-learning program that is midwifery-based.

The 21st-century midwife must be prepared for evidence-based practice, requiring increasingly sophisticated skills in the analysis of knowledge and practice of midwifery. Frequently, midwives are required to act as administrators, teachers, and advanced clinical practitioners — without adequate preparation. This program facilitates professional development in these areas through innovative interactive technologies.

State-of-the-art communication technology coupled with the professional expertise of an accomplished and caring faculty will maximize your educational experience. Best of all, you will remain in your own community as you work toward completing your master's degree in just 12 months. The program model focuses on graduate-level skills of inquiry and critical thinking and uses a distributive distance-learning approach where students interact asynchronously with each other and the faculty via computer. This means "anytime" communications from the comfort of your own home.

Candidates for the program must be graduates or current students of an American College of Nurse-Midwives Accredited certificate nurse-midwifery/midwifery education program and hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

Overview of the MS Program >>

The Graduate Midwifery Program consists of 36 graduate credits. You will be awarded 24 credits for your American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) accredited certificate in nurse-midwifery/midwifery. The final 12 credits will be taken through Philadelphia University and will include three required courses and one elective.

At Philadelphia University, we have planned the program to accommodate the work demands of your clinical practice. The program involves extensive reading and participation in online discussions and learning activities. The richness and diversity of experience that each student brings to the discussions has been a source of inspiration for the faculty and adds to the rigor of the program. Faculty are experienced nurse-midwifery educators who are comfortable working with distance learners. Faculty and technical assistance personnel are readily available to students.

Admissions Requirements >>

Classes begin twice a year, in June and December. Admission is ongoing. To be eligible for admission to the Master of Science in Midwifery Program, you must have the following credentials:

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0
- Completion of or current enrollment in an ACNM-accredited nurse-midwifery/midwifery program with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- GRE or MAT
- Completion of a three-credit statistics course
- Two letters of reference
- Phone interview
- Writing sample – a critique of an article that appeared in the *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health* within the last five years (Not required for students /graduates of Philadelphia University's Certificate Program)
- Professional resumé

Program of Study >>

- Required courses: Critical Inquiry I (3 credits), Critical Inquiry II (3 credits), and Health Policy (3 credits)
- Electives: Introduction to Administration in the Clinical Setting, Introduction to Teaching, Advanced Clinical Practice, or Issues in Reproductive Health in Developing Nations
- Optional 3 credit thesis course

For a complete course listing and program of study please visit our web site www.Philau.edu/graduate/midwifery.htm

Conveniently Located

Accreditation >>

Our certificate nurse-midwifery program is accredited by the American College of Nurse-Midwives, 818 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, DC 20006, 202.728.9860.

Philadelphia University, a member of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, is a successful, accredited, private university, attracting students from 38 states and 42 countries and offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in over 40 areas of study

We welcome your questions.

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Main Campus (above)

Philadelphia University is located in Northwest Philadelphia at the meeting point of the Germantown, Roxborough and East Falls neighborhoods, 15 minutes from Center City. The University is easily accessible by car or public transportation.

Graduate Programs

MBA Degree

- MBA
- Full-Time Day MBA
- MBA in Textile Apparel Marketing (on-line)

MS Degree

- Digital Design
- Fashion Apparel Studies
- Instructional Design & Technology
- Midwifery (Distance Learning)
- Occupational Therapy (Weekend Program)
- Physician Assistant Studies
- Taxation
- Textile Design
- Textile Engineering

Combined Degree

- MBA/Master of Science in Instructional Design & Technology
- MBA/Master of Science in Taxation
- BS/MBA Programs
- BS/MS Programs

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