

## Three Midwifery Tracks at a Glance for RNs

	<b>Advanced Certificate in Midwifery</b>	<b>Master's of Science Degree in Midwifery</b>	<b>Master's of Science Degree in Nursing with Concentration in Nurse- Midwifery</b>
<b>Curriculum Codes</b>	Code 0965	Code 0968	Code 0966
<b>ADMISSIONS CRITERIA</b>	Any Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university	Any Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university	1. Baccalaureate degree in Nursing from an accredited college or university 2. Undergraduate course in nursing research.
<b>ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES</b>	Interview with a midwifery faculty member once application is complete	Interview with a midwifery faculty member once application is complete	Joint interview with a midwifery and a nursing faculty member once application is complete
<b>DIFFERENCES WHILE YOU ARE ENROLLED</b>			
Total number of credits	38 credits of midwifery didactic and clinical courses	38 credits of midwifery didactic and clinical courses plus 12 credits (4 courses) of Masters courses in the Midwifery Program	38 credits of midwifery didactic and clinical courses plus 14 credits (5 courses) of Masters courses in the College of Nursing
Teaching faculty	All courses taught by midwifery faculty (except Pharmacology)	All courses taught by midwifery faculty (except Pharmacology)	The 38 credits taught by midwifery faculty (except Pharmacology); 5 Masters courses taught by College of Nursing faculty
Focus of Master's courses	Non Applicable	Midwifery (e.g. midwifery research, midwifery health policy)	Advanced Practice Nursing with focus on nurse-midwifery
Who attends classes	Midwifery students from varied educational and experiential backgrounds	Midwifery students from varied educational and experiential backgrounds	Nurse-midwifery students and all advanced practice nursing students
Class times	During daytime hours except Pharmacology (5-7 PM weekly for one semester)	During daytime hours except Pharmacology (5-7 PM weekly for one semester); 4 Master's courses delivered on-line with a few daytime on-campus sessions	During daytime hours except Pharmacology; 5 Master's courses delivered on-line with some evening on-campus sessions
Class size	Didactic classes average about 8-16 students	Didactic classes average about 8-16 students	Didactic classes average about 25-30 students
<b>DIFFERENCES UPON PROGRAM COMPLETION</b>			
States where graduate can practice (NOTE: this is subject to	With a prior Master's degree in nursing; graduates can practice midwifery in most	With a prior Master's degree in nursing; graduates can practice midwifery in most	Graduates can practice midwifery in all 50 states

change as legislation and regulations change; changes may be more or less restrictive to midwifery practice)	states, but may depend on concentration of Master's degree	states, but may depend on concentration of Master's degree	
	With a prior Master's degree in a health-related field (other than nursing): graduates can practice midwifery in 21-23 state (may have to appeal in a few states)	Without a Master's degree in nursing: graduates can practice in 47 states. South Carolina, Virginia and the state of Washington require a Master's degree in nursing. Other states vary in the types of Master's degrees they will accept.	
Prescriptive authority (NOTE: this is subject to change as legislation and regulations change; changes may be more or less restrictive to midwifery practice)	Two states require Master's degree for prescriptive authority; Hawaii requires Master's in clinical nursing or nursing science and Oklahoma requires Master's degree in clinical nurse specialty	Graduates have prescriptive authority in states that grant prescriptive authority to midwives, but this may be open to interpretation.	Graduates have prescriptive authority in all states that grant prescriptive authority to midwives. Currently, Pennsylvania and Georgia do not grant prescriptive authority to midwives
Academic teaching opportunities	With a prior Master's degree: may assume academic teaching positions in most midwifery programs and in some nursing programs	May teach in any midwifery program that is not in a College or School of Nursing and in some midwifery programs in Colleges/ Schools of Nursing, although many Colleges/Schools of Nursing require a Master's degree in nursing for academic appointments	May teach in midwifery programs in any type of College or School, including Nursing
Clinical teaching opportunities (precepting)	Without a prior Master's degree: may not be able to assume academic teaching positions With any prior Master's degree: can precept midwifery students in clinical area	Can precept midwifery students in clinical area	Can precept midwifery students in clinical area
	Without a prior Master's degree: can precept midwifery students only supervised by a Master's prepared midwife		
Leadership or management positions	With a prior Master's degree in nursing: can assume leadership or management positions in midwifery and nursing	With a prior Master's degree in nursing: can assume leadership or management positions in midwifery or nursing	Can assume leadership or management positions in midwifery or nursing

	With a prior Master's degree in a health-related field (other than nursing): can assume leadership or management positions in midwifery but nursing leadership and management positions may be limited	Without a Master's degree in nursing: can assume leadership and management positions in midwifery but nursing leadership and management positions may be limited	
	Without a Master's degree in either nursing or a health-related field: leadership or management opportunities limited		
Future enrollment in a doctoral program	Can enroll in some doctoral programs without a Master's degree Some doctoral programs require a prior Master's degree Many nursing doctoral programs require a prior Master's degree in nursing	Can enroll in many types of doctoral programs including some nursing doctoral programs	Can enroll in many types of doctoral programs including all nursing doctoral programs
	NOTE: Graduates of this track may apply to take the 12 credit Masters of Science in midwifery or 14 credit Masters of Science in nursing (with a concentration in Nurse-Midwifery) completion program; the Masters of Science in Nursing requires a baccalaureate in nursing		

10/31/2005