



Birthingway College of Midwifery

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Portland, Oregon 97266
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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO MIDWIFERY PROGRAM

For the 2018 Cohort, start date April 15, 2018.

Legal First Name*: _____ MI: _____ Legal Last Name*: _____

Previous names: _____ Preferred Name: _____ Pronouns Used: _____

Address*: _____

City, State, Zip code*: _____

Phone*: _____ Email* : _____

Date of Birth*: _____ Emergency contact*: _____

Have you applied to Birthingway before? (circle one) Yes No

If yes, when? _____ Which program(s)? _____

Are you currently enrolled in any other programs? (circle one) Yes No

If yes, which program(s)? _____

Are you planning to apply to other programs at Birthingway? (circle one) Yes No

If yes, which programs? _____

All of the information provided in this application for admission is true and accurate at the time of application to the best of my knowledge. I understand that should I furnish false information this may be grounds for my dismissal from Birthingway College of Midwifery. I have read and understood the process for application and the Technical Standards for Midwifery Integration.

Signature*

Date*

***Required**

Birthingway College of Midwifery strives to foster an environment of diversity and acceptance. Birthingway does not discriminate on the basis of anyone's actual or perceived race, color, ethnic origin, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, age, disability, or socioeconomic status in employment decisions, admissions or other college activities.

Questions regarding this policy can be addressed to our Title IX Coordinator at Birthingway College of Midwifery, 12113 SE Foster Rd., 503.760.3131, or by contacting the Office of Civil Rights at 400 Maryland, SW, Washington D.C. 20202-1100, 800-421-3481.

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST: For admission to the class beginning in spring, each applicant must provide the following to the College **postmarked no later than October 15**. Check the boxes of items included with your application.

Please read full application instructions for details of requirements:

- This completed application form, including this checklist. You must sign above.
- Responses to the application questions on additional paper.
- Two letters of reference **addressing your suitability for midwifery training**. These letters should be **sent directly from the writer to Birthingway College of Midwifery and be postmarked no later than October 15**. Fax or e-mail is acceptable provided signed, hard copies follow.
- A copy of your high school transcript (not diploma), GED certificate, or equivalency certificate.
- An official college transcript from each college you have ever attended.
- A copy of documentation confirming completion of an approved Labor Doula course or workshop.
 - **Date of completion or expected completion:**_____ **Taken at:**_____
- An official transcript documenting successful completion of a college level Human Anatomy and Physiology course(s), covering all the body systems, with a grade of 3.0 (B) or above in each of the course(s). Human Anatomy and Physiology must be successfully completed, and Birthingway must receive an official transcript before December 31. Human Anatomy and Physiology may be taken at Birthingway or another approved institution.
 - **Date of completion or expected completion:**_____ **Taken at:**_____
- An official transcript documenting successful completion of a college level expository writing course or equivalent with a grade of 3.0 (B) or above. The writing course must be successfully completed, and Birthingway must receive an official transcript by December 31. Writing may be taken at any approved institution.
 - **Date of completion or expected completion:**_____ **Taken at:**_____
- An official transcript documenting successful completion of a for-credit college level Medical Terminology course, with a grade of 3.0 (B) or above. The course must be successfully completed, and Birthingway must receive an official transcript by December 31. Medical Terminology may be taken at Birthingway or another approved institution.
 - **Date of completion or expected completion:**_____ **Taken at:**_____
- A non-refundable application fee of \$75 in the form of a check or money order payable to Birthingway College of Midwifery.

Please provide the names, addresses, and phone numbers of two people not related to you, whom you have asked to send reference letters on your behalf to Birthingway College of Midwifery.

1. Name:_____ Phone:_____

Relationship to applicant:_____

2. Name:_____ Phone:_____

Relationship to applicant:_____

Midwifery Program Application Questions

Using additional paper, please answer the following questions. Each question should be numbered and answered in order. Please note that the quality of your written application will be considered when making our selections. This includes correct spelling, punctuation, and other conventions. We expect you to completely answer all the questions as clearly and as honestly as possible.

1. Describe, **in chronological order**, all education, employment, volunteering, homemaking, travel, and unemployed periods from high school till the time of application. Include for each: the dates, location, type of experience, and reason for discontinuing or if still in progress. Please be sure to list any college ever attended.
2. What experience in your life are you most proud of and why?
3. Please describe your personality, including both those qualities you perceive as strengths and as weaknesses. Keep in mind that a “weakness” may sometimes manifest as a “strength” and vice versa. Give one example of how one of your strengths or weaknesses might manifest as its opposite. For example, talkativeness, which is welcome at a party, may be undesirable at a funeral.
4. Conflict is a normal part of human interactions. Imagine interacting with a classmate who has a political or philosophical viewpoint that is strongly opposed to your own. How would you navigate that interaction/relationship?
5. Give an example of a time when you made a commitment to something and saw it through from beginning to end.
6. What is your personal experience with birth?
7. Why do you want to become a midwife?
8. What do you know to be the differences between both the training and practice of a Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) and a Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)? Why are you pursuing the CPM path?
9. Explain how long you have been exploring midwifery and in what ways you have pursued it. Include books you have read, research you have done, workshops and courses you have taken, memberships in midwifery or other birth related organizations, visits to Birthingway, etc. Please include dates and locations, if applicable.
10. The process of becoming a midwife is often intellectually, emotionally, and physically demanding. Clinical training requires diligence and the unpredictable schedule of a midwife necessitates freedom from other obligations. Relationships with friends, partner, and children can suffer. Describe in detail how you plan to meet the emotional and physical demands and stresses of midwifery training. How have you planned for the emotional, time, and financial burdens this education will place on you and your family? How do you plan to take care of yourself and those closest to you?
11. Why are you applying to Birthingway? How do you expect Birthingway to help you meet your midwifery educational goals?
12. Coursework at Birthingway is rigorous. For example, for each credit hour you take expect to study approximately 20 hours outside of class. What are some of your study strategies for managing this type of academic load?
13. We attempt to build a diverse class with a wide range of varied backgrounds and experiences. Please describe an eye-opening experience you have had with someone very different from yourself.
14. Please give any other information about yourself that you think is relevant to your application.
15. **For re-applicants only:** What have you been doing towards reaching your goal of becoming a midwife since you last applied to Birthingway?

For more information on how your application will be evaluated, please see the “Application to the Midwifery Program” section of our Student Handbook and Catalog (available on our website).

Technical Standards for Midwifery Integration

A midwifery diploma from Birthingway signifies that the holder is a midwife prepared for entry into active practice. Candidates for graduation must have the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and judgment to function in a broad variety of clinical situations and to render a wide spectrum of client care. **The following abilities and expectations must be met and maintained, with or without reasonable accommodation, from matriculation through graduation by all midwifery students.** Failure to maintain Technical Standards may result in dismissal from the program. Students or applicants who have questions regarding these standards should contact the Midwifery Program Coordinator.

- You must be able to learn to conduct basic office lab procedures.
- You must have sufficient use of the sensory, visual, hearing, and motor systems, and the somatic sensation necessary to manipulate the required equipment, instruments, or tools, and to perform a physical examination.
- You must have the capacity to be able to perform clinical care activities such as palpation, auscultation, percussion, the administration of intravenous medication, the application of pressure to stop bleeding, the opening of obstructed airways, and the movements, equilibrium and functional use of the senses of touch, hearing and vision. A complete list of required skills can be found in our *Skills Assessment Checklist*. Please contact our Midwifery Program Coordinator for a copy.
- You must be able to follow universal precautions against contamination and cross contamination.
- You must be able to work in a safe manner and learn to respond with precise, quick, and appropriate action in emergency situations.
- You must be able to communicate in English with accuracy, clarity, efficiency, and sensitivity both verbally and in writing.
- You must have the skills to analyze and synthesize information, solve problems, and reach diagnostic and therapeutic judgments.
- You must be able to acknowledge evaluation and respond appropriately.
- You must possess the interpersonal skills to develop rapport and to maintain effective, mature and sensitive relationships with clients, midwives, other care providers, colleagues, staff, and faculty.
- You must demonstrate the emotional stability, perseverance, diligence, and consistency necessary to complete the midwifery school curriculum and to function in the midwifery profession. Therefore, you must be able to tolerate physically taxing workloads; to function effectively under stress; to adapt to changing environments; to display flexibility and to function in the face of uncertainties inherent in the clinical problems and needs of many clients.

Process for Application to the Midwifery Program

Prerequisite Information:

Students interested in Birthingway's Midwifery Program must have all prerequisites completed before December 31.

Labor Doula Workshop:

Applicants must have attended an approved workshop but are not required to be a certified doula. Birthingway offers labor doula workshops each term. Other approved workshops include those offered by DONA, Birth Arts, ICEA, and Birthworks. Contact the Midwifery Program Coordinator if your workshop is not listed above as it may still qualify. **We will not accept distance courses for our Labor Doula prerequisite.**

Applicants must also have completed a college level **Human Anatomy and Physiology** course of at least 3 semester or 4 quarter credits that **covers all of the body systems**. Students must earn a grade of B or above in all sections of the course. For example if you take a two semester course and earn a "C" the first term and an "A" the second term, you will need to retake the first term and earn a "B" or above to meet our prerequisite requirement.

Applicants are required to have taken a college level expository writing course such as **English Composition** or meet one of the other ways to fulfill this prerequisite. Contact the Midwifery Program Coordinator for details.

Creative writing courses will not be accepted for the prerequisite. Again, applicants are required to have earned a grade of "B" or above in this writing course.

Finally, applicants are required to have completed a college-level **Medical Terminology** course of at least 1 quarter credit or equivalent and earned a grade of "B" or above.

Written Application

Mail completed application packet including signed application page, responses to the application questions, and \$75.00 application fee to Birthingway College Of Midwifery, 12113 SE Foster Road, Portland, OR 97266. Please make a note in your application packet about expected time of arrival for letters of reference and for high school and college transcripts. We strongly recommend that you make a copy of your application for your records.

All completed applications postmarked by October 15 will be treated equally. Applicants are encouraged to call our office in advance of the deadline to confirm that we have received all of the required items. Applicants will not be scheduled for an interview until the application is complete. If you are taking any prerequisites in the fall, this will be noted in your file but will not put you at a disadvantage.

Members of the Admissions Committee, which includes students, faculty and staff, will read each application. The Midwifery Program Coordinator will also review each file to determine if the prerequisites have been satisfactorily met.

Interview

All applicants will be scheduled for a formal interview. The purpose of the interview is to familiarize you with the program and for us to learn more about you in order to assess if a good match exists between you and Birthingway. Interviews are held between late October and mid-November. For applicants who live at a distance from the College, interviews will be scheduled near the Meet and Greet event so you won't have to travel more than once.

Meet and Greet

Meet and Greet is a reception that is held the third Friday in November. This is an opportunity for you to meet the Birthingway Community, share a meal with us, and have another (less formal) interview with other applicants, students, and Birthingway faculty and staff. All applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the Meet and Greet. Not attending the event will put you at a disadvantage because of the consensual nature of our selection process. The more members of the Birthingway community who have a chance to meet you, the easier it is for us to make an informed decision about your application.

The Meet and Greet includes a financial aid information session. If you are unable to attend the event, it will be your responsibility to set up an individual appointment with the Financial Aid Officer.

Selection Process

The Admissions Committee will make our final selections in early January. We will mail out letters shortly thereafter indicating whether applicants have been invited to join our program, have been placed on the wait list, or are not accepted at that time. Applicants who receive an invitation will receive a letter detailing the deadlines by which they must enroll. We will need a copy of your social security card and license or passport with matching legal name on all documents. You will also need to include a \$200 enrollment fee (which is not covered by financial aid). Applicants placed on the wait list will be notified about enrollment options if space becomes available.

**Please feel free to ask any questions;
this process is as much for your decision-making as for ours.**