

Midwifery Program Application

Welcome! Thank you for applying to Birthingway College of Midwifery, where we are a community learning together! We look forward to reviewing your application.

For admission to the 2022 Fall cohort, this application must be completed in its entirety, to the best of your knowledge, by:

MIDNIGHT PST, March 18, 2022 - Early Admission Application Deadline

MIDNIGHT PST, May 1, 2022 - Regular Admission Application Deadline

There are multiple sections in this application, take your time. If you have a Gmail account, this document will auto-save for up to 30 days, so you can pause and return if needed. You can expect to hear from us within six weeks after your Admission Application Deadline (March 18 or May 1, 2022).

For more information regarding the application process and requirements, please see the "Admission to the Midwifery Program" at: <https://birthingway.edu/programs/midwifery-program/application-process/>. Please note that we are updating our website. For questions or concerns contact outreach@birthingway.edu.

A non-refundable application fee of \$75 must be received by Birthingway College of Midwifery on or before your Admission Application Deadline (March 18 or May 1, 2022). To make a payment please visit <https://birthingway.edu/product/application-fee/>

* Required

1. Email *

Personal Information

2. First Name

3. Last name

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Application Essay Questions

Please answer the following questions. 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, including the sub-questions, as clearly and as honestly as possible.

5. 1. Do you have access to devices for online learning? Check all that apply.

Check all that apply.

- Smartphone
- Desktop or Laptop computer
- Scanner
- Printer
- Shared computer
- Intermittent Internet
- Reliable access to Internet
- Other, please explain below.

6. 1. a) Please explain any concerns, support needed, or other ideas, as it relates to question one, above.

7. 2. Please describe your computer skills and your ability to learn and adopt new technology.

8. 3. What experience in your life are you most proud of and why?

9. 4. Tell us about yourself. How do you show up in the world? What do you bring to the table? In what ways would you like to grow? What are your positive obsessions?
*credit to Adrienne Marie Brown and Octavia Butler for these questions

10. 5. Conflict and disagreements are a normal part of human interactions. Please describe a personal or professional conflict.

11. 5. a) How did the experience described above affect you?

12. 5. b) What support or advice did you receive?

13. 5. c) What did you learn from this experience?

14. 5. d) If you could go back, what would you do differently?

15. 6. Give an example of a time when you made a commitment to something and saw it through from beginning to end. Describe the commitment.

16. 6. a) What obstacles did you face in meeting that commitment?

17. 6. b) How did you overcome them?

18. 7. What are your professional goals, dreams, or aspirations with regard to midwifery?

19. 8. This question has multiple parts (a-g). Please answer each part. Please include dates and locations, if applicable.

Mark only one oval.

Please answer below.

20. 8. a) In general, what is your experience with midwifery thus far?

21. 8. b) Explain how long you have been exploring midwifery/childbirth and share the ways you have pursued it.

22. 8. c) Tell us about any births you have experienced (human or otherwise).

23. 8. d) List any materials you have learned from, such as books you have read and videos you have watched, and/or research you have done.

24. 8. e) List any workshops and courses you have taken, and what you learned from them.

25. 8. f) List any memberships in midwifery or other birth related organizations, and how they have contributed to your knowledge of midwifery.

26. 8. g) How have you explored different pathways to becoming a midwife, including any visits to midwifery schools, research you've done on types of midwives, etc.?

27. 9. This question has three parts (a, b, c). Please read and answer below. One Birthingway admission prerequisite is to take either "Exploring Midwifery" or "So You Want to be a Midwife." Both of these workshops highlight some challenges of being a midwifery student and a midwife. For example it can be emotionally, financially, and physically taxing. Adjustments to home and family life, interpersonal relationships, work, other dreams and aspirations are also inevitable.

Mark only one oval.

Please answer below

28. 9. a) Please describe in detail what you foresee being particular challenges for you (share at least three).

29. 9. b) Explain how you plan to meet these challenges?

30. 9. c) How will you take care of yourself and those closest to you in the process?

31. 10. What about Birthingway appeals to you for your midwifery education? How do you expect Birthingway to help you meet your midwifery educational goals?

32. 11. This questions has three parts (a, b, c). Please read and answer below. This program is based on a direct assessment, competency-based education model, in which learning and acquiring knowledge are accomplished in a variety of ways: reading, using on-line resources, discussion, experience, and other methods. This allows the convenience of flexibility and freedom of how you gather the necessary information to demonstrate your learning and pass assessments. However, this does NOT mean that there won't be challenges and hard work. It does mean that you hold a great deal of responsibility for your learning. Attending online classes and lectures, meeting deadlines, frequent and clear communication, and quick responses will be very important to keep you on track with your goals and to show your commitment to this kind of program.

Mark only one oval.

Please answer below

33. 11. a) Considering the above, what are some of your strategies for managing this type of workload and learning through a competency-based program?

34. 11. b) What challenges might this model raise for you?

35. 11. c) Do you think this model is compatible with your personal learning style and needs (visual, verbal, hand-on, reading, etc.)? If yes, how so? If not, what support do you think you will need in order to be successful?

36. 12. This question has two parts (a and b). Please read and answer below. The world needs midwives from varied backgrounds and experiences to better serve the needs of diverse birthing people. As a midwife, you will work with clients and other health providers who may hold different values, come from different cultures, and have been shaped by different experiences.

Mark only one oval.

Please answer below

37. 12. a) Share an experience where it was challenging to bridge the gap between these differences.

38. 12. b) How did this experience impact you, and what could you have done to foster more connection, respect or understanding?

39. 13. Please tell us anything else about yourself that you think is relevant to your application.

References

Please provide the names, addresses, and phone numbers of three people, one can be a personal reference and the other two must be a professional/educational/employment reference. Each reference must fill out the standardized form (link below) no later than your Admission Application Deadline (March 18 or May 1, 2022). Personal references with questions should be directed to info@birthingway.edu.

Link to standardized questions for references:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSexT2e8kwq4DYixX-aOT_2WesCUNzWjbTNzOnbWIH5kJppq8g/viewform

40. 1. Name, address, phone, email, and relationship to you.

41. 2. Name, address, phone, email, and relationship to you.

42. 3. Name, address, phone, email, and relationship to you.

Support
Assessment

Our goal is to admit students from a variety of backgrounds and experiences, so that we can educate midwives to serve all people and address health inequities. This form helps us understand you and the challenges you might face as you pursue your midwifery education. The information will help Birthingway support you on your path, including connecting you with scholarship opportunities, learning support, resources, advising, and affinity groups. Please answer honestly. Your answers will be kept confidential.

43. Which of the following statements are true for you? Please check all that apply.

Check all that apply.

- I or a member of my immediate family have experienced homelessness.
 - I or a member of my immediate family spent time in foster care.
 - I was raised by a relative other than one or both of my parents.
 - As a child, I lived in subsidized housing or public housing owned by a government agency.
 - I or a member of my immediate family qualified for subsidized school lunch in all or part of my K-12 education.
 - I grew up in a single income family.
 - One or both of my parents were incarcerated during my childhood.
 - One or both of my parents are deceased or absent from my life.
 - I am a full time caregiver for a dependent.
 - I am a single parent without a partner or co-parent.
 - English is my second language and/or I live in a non-English speaking household.
 - My parents migrated to the United States from another country.
 - I grew up on First Nation land (a reservation).
 - I currently qualify for Medicaid.
 - I or a member of my immediate family currently receive food stamps (SNAP or similar program).
 - I migrated to the United States from another country.
 - I currently live in subsidized housing.
 - If none of these statements apply to you, please check here.
 - If you choose not to complete this form, please check here.
 - If there is anything else you feel is relevant and would like to share please share below.
- Other: _____

44. Please share anything else you feel is relevant to the questions above.

Additional Requirements

For admission to the 2022 Fall cohort, each applicant must complete a Labor Doula course or workshop, a college level Human Anatomy and Physiology course, a college level writing course or equivalent (official transcripts documenting receipt of a BA or higher degree can be substituted), a Medical Terminology course, Exploring Midwifery OR So You Want To Be a Midwife, and Biodynamic Care.

Prerequisites do not have to be complete at time of application. However, acceptance into the program is final pending successful completion of prerequisites, with documentation submitted to Birthingway, by September 1, 2022. Official transcripts from your high school and college(s) must be mailed by the institution. Copies and uploads of high school and college transcripts will not be accepted.

Mail to Birthingway College of Midwifery at 4550 SW Betts Ave #142, Beaverton, Oregon, 97075 USA

More information about prerequisites and approved courses can be found here: <https://birthingway.edu/programs/midwifery-program/prerequisites-to-the-midwifery-program/>

45. Please indicate date of completion or expected completion and name of institution for Human Anatomy and Physiology course(s).

46. Please indicate date of completion or expected completion and name of institution for Expository Writing or equivalent.

47. Please indicate date of completion or expected completion and name of institution for Medical Terminology.

48. Please indicate date of completion or expected completion for Birthingway's Exploring Midwifery OR So You Want To Be a Midwife.

49. Please indicate date of completion or expected completion for Birthingway's Biodynamic Care.

50. Name of Labor Doula course, location, and date of completion or expected completion. If course has already been completed, upload certificate or other proof of completion below.

51. Upload proof of Labor Doula course completion here (pdf only).

Files submitted:

Review/Understanding
of Technical
Standards

A midwifery degree 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. Applicants who have questions regarding these standards should contact the Midwifery Program Coordinator.

Technical Standards can be reviewed here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/18zQQfpDdj6XZwwCDA8cgC46mZaix_jcp/view

By digitally entering my name below, I affirm that I meet these Technical Standards for Midwifery Integration. I understand that failure to meet one or more of these Technical Standards at any point during my enrollment may result in my dismissal from the Midwifery Program at Birthingway College of Midwifery.

52. Legal signature and date

Authentication

By digitally entering my name below, I attest that all of the information provided in this application is true and accurate, at this time of submission, to the best of my knowledge. I understand furnishing false information may be grounds for my dismissal from Birthingway College of Midwifery. I have read and understood the process for application.

53. Legal signature and date

54. Additionally, you may upload a pdf or image of your signature here

Files submitted:

55. *A non-refundable application fee of \$75 is now due. Applications without receipt of fee will not be considered. Payments can be made at;
<https://birthingway.edu/product/application-fee/>

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