



# Hybrid Direct-Entry Midwifery Program Application Packet Guide

## Previous Education

In preparation for submitting your application, please gather the following documents:

- Copy of your high school diploma or GED certificate, or high school transcript
- Copy of post-secondary Diplomas
- **Official** transcripts from all post-secondary institutions (colleges and universities) previously attended

*We recommend that you name them in the following manner:*

*First Name\_Last Name\_Title of Document*

## Prerequisites

CCSM requires the following prerequisites prior to starting the program:

- Doula Certification
- Lactation Education Training
- Childbirth Education Training
- 1 College-Level Math Course (at least 3 credits)
- 1 College-Level English Course (at least 3 credits)
- College-Level Anatomy and Physiology 1 & 2 within the last 10 years
- Completion of a 4-hour HIV/AIDS Course
- CPR Certification
- NRP Certification

*Prior to submitting your application, please gather proof of completion of or registration for these prerequisites. We recommend that you name them in the following manner:*

*First Name\_Last Name\_Title of Document*

*Completion of all prerequisites is required in order for your application to be considered complete.*



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### Previous Experience

We would like to know about your previous work history to help us better understand where you are on your midwifery journey. We are especially interested in any previous healthcare experience or midwifery related certifications or licenses you hold. Please prepare a brief description of your previous healthcare experience for your application. *You should also have a resume and copies of your certifications and licenses ready for uploading.* We recommend that you name them in the following manner:

*First Name\_Last Name\_Title of Document*

### Personal Essay Questions

In order to get to know you better, we ask that you write 7 personal essays, 250 to 500 words each. The first 5 prompts are required and then you will choose 2 additional prompts from a provided list.

#### The First Five Required Topics:

1. Why do you want to become a licensed midwife?
2. What does being a midwife mean to you?
3. Give an example of a time that you had to deal with an emergency. What happened? How did you react? How did others react? What would you have done differently?
4. Tell me about a time where you were facing adversity. How did you manage? How did you care for yourself? How did you respond to the adversity? What coping mechanisms did you use?
5. Tell us about your plans for support at home. How will you manage the schedule of school and clinicals with your home life/children/spouse/partner, etc?

#### Then Choose Two Additional Topics:

6. What lesson took you the longest to learn or unlearn? Why?
7. What matters most to you and why?
8. What activities/interests do you enjoy outside the classroom and how would you integrate these into your care of clients, babies and families?
9. Tell us about a situation in which you were an outsider. What did you learn from the experience?

*Please prepare each of these essays in a separate document and have them ready to upload into your application. We recommend that you name them in the following manner:*

*First Name\_Last Name\_Essay Prompt 1 etc*



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### APA Application Essay

At CCSM, we envision a maternity care climate saturated with culturally sensitive and racially congruent care that results in equitable and superior outcomes in maternal and infant health for all populations. We aim to inspire our students to become perinatal leaders in the maternal child health field, willing to provide access to respectful maternity care for all communities with an emphasis on eliminating health disparities through the education and empowerment of women and families so that they can once again safely experience 'their birth, their way'.

We also value academic excellence. As adult learners, CCSM students are expected to be lifelong learners who take the initiative to research, study, and find resources that help them build upon the knowledge and skills acquired in their chosen program of study.

To prepare for a school dedicated to maternal health equity and academic excellence, we ask students applying to our school to submit a research paper dedicated on the following topic:  
**For you, which global issue goes hand and hand with the maternal health crisis? Why?**

Your APA essay should have a minimum of 750 words and a maximum of 1500 words. Your essay should be in the APA 7 format and have at least 3 sources cited in the body and listed on a reference page.

To learn more about how to write an APA paper you can review the resources on the [Purdue Owl Website](#).

*Please prepare this essay in a separate document and have it ready to upload into your application. We recommend that you name them in the following manner:  
First Name\_Last Name\_APA Essay*

### References

Please provide us with three reference letters along with the email address and phone number of each reference. Letters of recommendation are to be signed by the reference and preferably on letterhead. Examples of acceptable references include employers, professors, co-workers, neighbors, or clergy persons. *Please note, family members can not act as a reference.*

*We recommend that you name them in the following manner:  
First Name\_Last Name\_Reference - Reference First Name Reference Last Name*



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### **Transcript Evaluation (for Transfer Credit)**

You may be interested in having your transcripts evaluated for a transfer of credits. If you are accepted into our program, you will be given the opportunity at that time to have your prior educational experience evaluated. Please note a formal transcript evaluation is only needed for those seeking credit for courses in our program. A review of transcripts for prerequisites does not require a formal evaluation.

Please note that since we are a cohort program receiving credit for courses will not reduce the length of your program but it can reduce your workload and tuition fees.

If you anticipate needing a transcript evaluation we encourage you to begin preparing. Students must provide **official transcripts** from all educational institutions through electronic platforms or arranging for them to be mailed directly to CCSM.

### **Application Fee**

We require a \$150 application fee in order to review your application. This fee is non-refundable and is due at the time of your application.

### **Application Process and Enrollment**

Your application will be reviewed in the order in which it was received and scored according to our standardized rubric. All applications will be reviewed after the application window closes on May 15th, 2023. Please allow six weeks from the close of the application window for your application to be reviewed.

After your application is reviewed, if you are deemed eligible for enrollment you will be asked to schedule an enrollment interview. This interview will be held virtually and will focus on your preparations for midwifery school and fit for our culture. If you are an out of state student, we will also discuss midwifery laws in your state and how this might impact your educational decisions.

Admission decisions will be communicated by the end of July. If you are selected, we will schedule a one-on-one meeting with the Program Director to discuss finances and review the enrollment agreement. At the time of signing your enrollment agreement, you will be asked to pay a \$1500 enrollment fee that will be applied to your last semester's tuition. Once this fee and your signed enrollment agreement are received, your spot in the program will be held for you.