



Previous Education

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

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

Prerequisites

CCSM requires the following prerequisites prior to starting the program:

- High School or GED Diploma
- 1 College-Level Math Course
- 1 College-Level English Course or proof of English proficiency as indicated below
- Prior or Current registration, certification or licensure to perform midwifery, medicine or obstetrics in another country or state
- Completed evaluation of previous midwifery, medicine or obstetrics education from an approved credentialing agency as indicated below
- NRP Certification*
- CPR Certification*
- Completion of a 4-hour HIV/AIDS Course *
- Physical Evaluation and [Technical Performance Standards Form](#)*

*You do not need to have these prerequisites completed to apply. At the time of your application, you must be at least registered to take these courses or in process of completing the prerequisites. Documentation for your registration or in-progress course and the anticipated completion date is required at application. All prerequisites must be fully completed prior to your enrollment.

Prior to submitting your application, please gather proof of completion of or registration for these prerequisites. Completion of all prerequisites is required in order for your application to be considered complete.



Demonstrate Proficiency in English

If you were educated in another country and graduated from a high school in which a language other than English was spoken, you must pass the TOEFL or EPT. There are two types of TOEFL, the iBT TOEFL and PBT TOEFL. The PBT score requirement for us is 500 and our score for the iBT requirement for our school is 90. The EPT score requirement for us is 95 or higher. These exams are offered at colleges and universities throughout the United States. For information about testing available in your community, contact the Testing Departments at the closest community college or state university.

Most institutions that provide testing also offer classes to help develop your English language skills and prepare you for the TOEFL or EPT. For more information contact the Advisement Department at the community college or state university closest to you.

Instead of taking the TOEFL or EPT test to demonstrate English proficiency, you may instead take a 3 credit College-Level English course, for example, English Composition course ENC 1101 at a local community college or university. Graduates from an English-speaking high school or who hold a diploma from an English-speaking college or university may use their diploma as evidence of English proficiency.

Have Your Educational Documents Evaluated

In order to be eligible to apply for a Florida Accredited Midwifery program, you must have your educational and license documentation evaluated by [any of these approved educational credentialing organizations](#). We recommend that you arrange to have copies of all your educational and license/registration documents sent to whichever educational credentialing organization you select, as well as send copies of everything to Commonsense Childbirth School of Midwifery. Your documents will be evaluated to verify that your education and credentials meet the requirements for license via endorsement per F.S. 467, the Florida Midwifery Practice Act. All costs for this evaluation will be the responsibility of the applicant.

If you have already had your educational documents translated by another agency, you may forward those translations along with copies of the original documents from the college or university which you attended and from the jurisdiction in which you were licensed to practice. Please contact the educational credentialing organizations for further information.

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.



Licensure by Endorsement Program Application Packet Guide

Application Process and Enrollment

Your application will be reviewed in the order in which it was received and scored according to our standardized rubric. Please allow six weeks for your application to be reviewed and for the school's decision.

During the review process, you will be asked to complete a physical assessment with your primary care provider. We will request that your primary care provider complete the [Technical Performance Standards form](#).

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 previous midwifery/obstetrics experience, preparations for midwifery school and practice in FL and fit for our culture.

After a successful interview, we will schedule a one-on-one meeting with the Dean to discuss finances and review the enrollment agreement. At the time of signing your enrollment agreement, you will be asked to pay a downpayment prior to starting your coursework. Once this fee and your signed enrollment agreement are received, you will be scheduled for an orientation with the Academic Coordinator.