



Commonsense Childbirth
School of Midwifery

Hybrid Direct-Entry Midwifery Program Application Packet Guide

[Link to 2024 Application](#)

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

- 1 College-Level Math Course (*at least 3 credits*)
- 1 College-Level English Course (*at least 3 credits*)
- [College-Level Anatomy & Physiology 1 & 2](#)
- [Doula Training](#)
- Childbirth Education Training
- Lactation Education Training (*at least 6 hours*)
- [Completion of a 4-hour HIV/AIDS Course](#)
- CPR Certification & “Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers” (*in-person course*)
- Blood Borne Pathogens Certification
- NRP (*to be completed by the first year*)

(Math/English/Anatomy & Physiology 1 & 2 **MUST** be ***within the last 10 years***)

*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:

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(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.

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Midwifery Student Questions

In order to evaluate if you're a good candidate for our midwifery program, please read carefully through our application and answer the 4 short written response questions to the best of your ability.

1. *What attracted you to CCSM and why do you think it is a good fit for you?*
2. *How much do you know about the scope of practice of a Certified Professional Midwife in the United States?*
3. *In what state do you currently live in? In what state do you plan to practice in?*
4. *How does being on-call as a midwifery student fit in your lifestyle and current circumstances?*

Personal Essay Questions

In order to get to know you better, we ask that you write two personal essays, 250 to 500 words. The prompts are listed below:

#1: Why do you want to become a licensed midwife?

#2: Given that it is extremely difficult to earn any financial income during a 3 year midwifery training program, please outline your thoughts on this issue and how you plan to be able to sustain yourself and your family during your midwifery training.

*Please prepare the essays in a word processing document and have it ready to upload into your application. We recommend that you name it in the following manner:

First Name_Last Name_Personal Essay_1

First Name_Last Name_Personal Essay_2



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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.

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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 \$75 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 July 15th, 2024. 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 Dean and Admissions Coordinator 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 towards your tuition. Once this fee and your signed enrollment agreement are received, your spot in the program will be held for you.

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