

## Midwifery (MS/Advanced Certificate)

Two Year Full Time Program



**DOWNSTATE**  
HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY



**Midwives certified by the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB) provide comprehensive reproductive health care across the lifespan. This includes primary, preventative, pregnancy, labor/birth, postpartum and newborn care.**

The increasing demand for midwifery services throughout the United States has created practice opportunities within a variety of clinical settings. Midwives work in private or group practices, birth centers, private residences, health maintenance organizations, hospitals, and ambulatory care centers. Although midwives are independent practitioners, they consult and collaborate with physicians and other care providers when indicated.

The Midwifery Program is a graduate level program that prepares students to become safe beginning practitioners in accordance with the standards established by the American College of Nurse-Midwives.

The program accepts registered nurses and other individuals who meet the admissions requirements. Students may select one of two tracks: Advanced Certificate in Midwifery; Master of Science in Midwifery.

The Advanced Certificate track is available only to students who enter the program with a masters degree in a related field as determined by the discretion of the faculty.

Graduates of either track are eligible to take the national certifying examination administered by the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB) and state licensure.

### Before you apply

- Review the website to learn more about our program.
- Sign up to attend an Information Session (bring copies of all college transcripts for prerequisite evaluation).
- Prepare an academic completion plan for any outstanding prerequisites.
- Assess the best time to apply; early applications are encouraged.
- Review the curriculum and the tuition to determine costs and duration of the program.
- For additional information, please visit the website.

### Steps to apply

1. Download and Read the Application Instructions.
2. Check the Deadline on our website.
3. Prepare Your Documentation.  
You may be required to upload documents related to your application.
4. Submit Your Application via:  
[www.tinyurl.com/3xuftyk7](http://www.tinyurl.com/3xuftyk7)
5. Check Your Status.  
Upon submitting your online application, you are able to log back in to upload additional documents and monitor your application status.

**See reverse for requirements >**



**Scan the QR code  
to visit the school's  
website or:**

[www.tinyurl.com/downstate-MW](http://www.tinyurl.com/downstate-MW)

## Admission Requirements

### Master of Science (MS) in Midwifery

- A **Baccalaureate degree in any discipline** from colleges or universities accredited by one of the following: The Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), the New England Commission on Higher Education (NECHE), The Higher Learning Commission (HLC), the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) or the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), United States Department of Education (USDE). If you have any questions about transfer courses and credits, please inquire with the Office of Admissions.
- Two letters of recommendation. The letters should be from: 1) a midwife, nurse, or physician colleague who can comment on your clinical abilities; or 2) a college professor who taught you; or 3) a person who knows you in a professional capacity.
- A minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- A minimum grade of “C” or better in the following prerequisite courses (**RNs are exempt from prerequisite courses**):

| Subject                              | Total       |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Anatomy & Physiology with labs       | 2 semesters |
| General Biology or Genetics          | 1 course    |
| Microbiology                         | 1 course    |
| General Chemistry                    | 1 course    |
| Pathophysiology                      | 1 course    |
| Nutrition                            | 1 course    |
| Sociology or Cultural Anthropology   | 1 course    |
| General Psychology                   | 1 course    |
| Life Span or Development Psychology* | 1 course    |
| Statistics                           | 1 course    |

\* More than one course may be required to fulfill this requirement.

### Advanced Certificate in Midwifery

- A **Master’s degree in a related field** (as determined by the Midwifery faculty) from colleges or universities accredited by one of the following: The Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), the New England Commission on Higher Education (NECHE), The Higher Learning Commission (HLC), the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) or the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), United States Department of Education (USDE). If you have any questions about transfer courses and credits, please inquire with the Office of Admissions.
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**NOTE:** Nurses are exempt from all prerequisite requirements.

Admissions requirements are subject to change.

**Please see website** for Master’s completion requirements.