

Application Process

Before You Apply:

- Have you completed/met the following prerequisites?
 - Age 18 years or older
 - High school diploma or equivalent (such as GED)
 - Taken and passed BOTH a college level math and a college-level English course OR completed BOTH the College Comp and either the College Algebra/Mathematics CLEP
 - CLEP is available online at a cost of \$85.00 per exam
 - A passing score of 50 or greater on both CLEP examination is required
 - Taken and passed a college-level medical terminology course
 - Completed an in person “Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers” course, approved by the American Heart Association or Red Cross

Important Notes:

- FSTM offers an online application process for your convenience.
- Please complete and submit the online application form.
- You may provide proof of payment as a temporary placeholder for official transcript requests, BLS classes, CLEP Exams, and/or college level courses. Successful enrollment will be dependent on the receipt of the actual documents (official transcripts, certificates of completion, scores, etc.)
- Please note the application form CANNOT be saved and returned to later, so allow enough time to fill it out entirely, add the documentation and/or placeholders and submit. This will take approximately 45-60 minutes.

Before You Begin:

Gather the following documents or relevant placeholders for submission with the application

- Official copy of high school transcripts ordered to be sent to FSTM by mail OR notarized copy of high school diploma submitted with application.
- Notarized documentation of any/all official name changes (if applicable) submitted
- Proof of certification in approved BLS for Healthcare Providers course or placeholder
- Current Resume/Curriculum Vitae (Please send in PDF format)
- Copy of any current professional licenses (If applicable)

How To Apply:

To complete the application online:

- Go to www.midwiferyschool.org
- Hover your mouse over the Admissions tab and select “How To Apply”
- Click on the link “click here to begin the application”
 - Enter your personal, demographic/legal information
 - Write (or copy and paste from Word) your essay questions
 - Upload any required documentation or their placeholders
- Click submit & pay the \$100 application fee through the PayPal link on the application.

After Your Application is Submitted:

- Order official transcripts from ALL postsecondary schools, colleges, universities and/or vocational programs to be sent to FSTM by mail (810 E. University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601)
- Once your application is complete and all documents are received and uploaded, the Administrative Coordinator will contact you to schedule your in-person admissions interview.

For questions contact info@midwiferyschool.org



2019-2020 Estimated Program Costs

PRIOR TO APPLICATION	
College Math	Varies
College English	Varies
College Medical Terminology Class	Varies
Or CLEP (testing out of Math & English)	\$80/ exam
AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION	
Application Fee	\$100
Student Enrollment Fee	\$200
Advanced Standing Fee	\$25/credit requested
Transcript Fees from Other Institutions	Varies
TUITION, FEES, AND COSTS*	
Block Tuition	\$4352/term
TOTAL Block Tuition Cost for 3 Year Program	\$39,168
Tuition cost per credit hour	\$375
Graduation Fee	\$30
Estimated Academic Costs (Not paid to FSTM) Students are responsible for costs not paid directly to FSTM for the purchase of supplies, books, and required training. Textbook lists and any required supplies lists will be given at least two weeks prior to the start of a new semester. Individual costs vary depending on textbook source chosen.	\$2768
Estimated Clinical Costs (Not paid to FSTM): Students are responsible for costs not paid directly to FSTM for the clinical readiness. This includes infectious disease titres, physical exam, and immunizations, if applicable. Costs will vary based upon insurance status. Estimates for local care provided. • Physical: \$89.00; Hep B, MMR, Varicella titre - \$37.00; TB test-\$20.00; Hep B-\$225; MMR-\$206; Varicella -\$318 TDAP-\$65.00	Varies
Neonatal Resuscitation	\$100
BLS for Healthcare Providers	\$50
Medical Equipment	\$150
FSTM Badge	\$5
**These fees, assessed at the time of registration, can be deducted from the financial aid balance. Fees are subject to change	
OTHER COSTS	
Laptop	\$350
Lodging and Board (Not on FSTM Campus)	\$4875
Non-Discrimination Policy: The Florida School of Traditional Midwifery is committed to an environment that embraces diversity, respects the rights of all individuals, is open and accessible, and is free of harassment and discrimination based on, but not limited to, ethnicity, race, creed, color, religion, age, disability, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity and sexual orientation), marital status, national origin, genetic information, political opinions or affiliations, and veteran status in all its programs, activities and employment. Gainful Employment Disclosure: For important information about the educational debt, earnings and completion rates of students who attended the program, please go to the FSTM website. For direct inquiries regarding the Gainful Employment program, please contact FSTM at info@midwiferyschool.org	

FSTM DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIFERY PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Year 1, Term 1

1101	Anatomy & Physiology I	3
1101L	Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1
1103	Healthcare Skills I	1
1103L	Healthcare Skills I Lab	1
1109	Research and Public Health	2
1306	Interpersonal Communication	1
1110	Midwifery History, Law & Rule	2
Total Credits		11

Year 1, Term 2

1201	Anatomy & Physiology II	3
1201L	Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	1
1203	Healthcare Skills II	2
1203L	Healthcare Skills II Lab	1
2201	Microbiology for Midwives	1
2201L	Microbiology for Midwives Lab	1
2105	Psychology for Midwives	2
1200CL	Clinical Lab	1
Total Credits		12

Year 1, Term 3

1301	Reproductive Anatomy & Physiology	3
1301L	Reproductive Anatomy & Physiology Lab	1
1307	Intro to Midwifery Practicum	1
2303	Pharmacology	2
1108	Cultural Competency	1
2101	Nutrition for the Childbearing Year	2
1204	Human Sexuality for Midwives	1
1300CL	Clinical Lab	1
Total Credits		12

Year 1 Total Credits 35

Year 2, Term 1

1303	Antepartum	4
1305	Diagnostic Testing	1
2107	Midwifery Practicum I	2
3101	Gynecology	2
2100CL	Clinical Lab	3
Total Credits		12

Year 2, Term 2

2103	Intrapartum	4
2104	Fetal Monitoring	1
2207	Midwifery Practicum II	2
2106	Professional Communication	1
2205	Herb Workshop	1
2200CL	Clinical Lab	3
Total Credits		12

Year 2, Term 3

2203	Postpartum	3
2206	Newborn	2
2305	Midwifery Practicum III	2
1205	Breastfeeding	1
2204	Suturing for Midwives	1
2300CL	Clinical Lab	3
Total Credits		12

Year 2 Total Credits 36

Year 3, Term 1

3106	Obstetric Complications	1
3104	Collaborative Management	1
3105	Midwifery Practicum IV	1
3100CL	Clinical Lab	4
Total Credits		7

Year 3, Term 2

3204	Issues in Professional Midwifery	1
3201	Establishing & Maintaining a Practice	2
3200CL	Clinical Lab	4
Total Credits		7

Year 3, Term 3

3103	NARM Review	1
3202L	Clinical Skills Practicum Lab	1
3300CL	Clinical Lab	4
Total Credits		6

Year 3 Total Credits 20

Clinical Requirements	
<i>Prenatal Exams</i>	<i>Postpartum Exams</i>
Assist - 25	Assist - 10
Primary - 55	Primary - 40
<i>Initial Prenatal Exams</i>	<i>Newborn Exams</i>
Assist - 3	Assist - 20
Primary - 20	Primary - 30
<i>Birth Observations</i>	<i>Continuity of Care</i>
Silent Observe - 10	Partial - 10
Assist - 20	Full - 5
<i>Birth Managements</i>	<i>Suturing</i>
Primary - 50	5

<p align="center">Total Program Credits: 91 Cost per Credit: \$364.00 Total Cost of Credits: \$33,124.00</p>



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FSTM Staff List

- ❖ **Amanda Mann, RN, LM: Executive Director**
Amanda oversees daily operations of FSTM and staff. She is the liaison to the Board of Directors and spearheads fundraising, school events, and development. In addition, she ensures compliance with Federal, State, Local regulations and maintains the accreditation and licensure for both locations.
Contact Amanda at: amann@midwiferyschool.org

- ❖ **Kerri Audette, LM, CPM: Program Director**
Kerri supervises the coordination of the academic and clinical programs. Kerri is responsible for academic and clinical student counseling, overseeing clinical placement and academic operations of the school, including curriculum development, course planning and admissions.
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- ❖ **Sorell Pagliara, LM, CPM: Program Coordinator**
Sorell works closely with Kerri Audette and coordinates the student experience on campus. She coordinates instructors, clinical preceptors, and counsels students regarding their time on and off campus. Sorell assists applicants with questions regarding admissions to FSTM, oversees student applications and assists with daily operational functions at FSTM.
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- ❖ **Kyle Seymour: Business Coordinator**
Kyle coordinates financial operations at the school. He makes payment plans, collects tuition, and assists students with funding questions.
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- ❖ **Jenn Stone, LPN, LM, CPM: Administrative Coordinator**
Jenn is responsible for the facilities at FSTM as well as assisting applicants with questions regarding admissions to FSTM, overseeing student applications and assists with daily operational functions at FSTM.
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- ❖ **Alainna Whatley: Financial Aid & Regulatory Coordinator**
Alainna assists our students with determining their financial aid eligibility, including FAFSA, grant funding and financial aid office matters.
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Foundation for Florida Midwives

www.flmidwifefoundation.org

FFM is a Florida non-profit corporation dedicated to the promotion and advancement of Florida licensed midwifery. Through advocacy and action, the Foundation seeks to ensure that Florida licensed midwifery remains an evidence-based option for Florida families.

Midwifery Education and Accreditation Council

www.meacschool.org

MEAC created standards and criteria for the education of midwives that reflect the nationally recognized core competencies and guiding principles of midwifery care set by the Midwives Alliance of North America.

Midwives Alliance of North America

www.mana.org

The mission of MANA is to provide a nurturing forum for support and cooperation among midwives.

North American Registry of Midwives

www.narm.org

The North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) is an international certification agency whose mission is to establish and administer certification for the credential “Certified Professional Midwife (CPM).”

National Association of Certified Professional Midwives

www.nacpm.org

The National Association of Certified Professional Midwives (NACPM) is the membership organization specifically representing Certified Professional Midwives (CPM) in the United States. NACPM directs its influence toward improving outcomes for childbearing people and their infants, developing and strengthening the profession and informing public policy with the values inherent in CPM care.

World Health Organization - Health Topics: Midwifery

www.who.int/topics/midwifery/en/

Midwifery encompasses care of women during pregnancy, labour, and the postpartum period, as well as care of the newborn. It includes measures aimed at preventing health problems in pregnancy, the detection of abnormal conditions, the procurement of medical assistance when necessary, and the execution of emergency measures in the absence of medical help.

+ What is a Florida Licensed Midwife?

Florida Licensed Midwives: Providing safe, cost effective care for low-risk women.

LICENSED MIDWIFERY IN FLORIDA

- Licensed Midwives (LMs) have been serving Florida's families since 1931.
- There are currently 212 actively practicing Licensed Midwives in Florida.¹
- Since 1996, LMs have delivered more than 44,900 babies in the State of Florida.²
- Florida LMs:
 - Work in licensed birth centers, maternity health clinics, physicians' offices and private homebirth practices
 - Care for low-risk families
 - Maintain certification in both CPR and Neonatal Resuscitation.
 - Use and maintain emergency equipment, supplies, and medicines
 - Accept insurance, Medicaid, and payment arrangements
 - Carry malpractice insurance as required by F.S. 456.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF FLORIDA MIDWIVES

Florida has been licensing midwives since 1931. The Midwifery Practice Act (FS 467) was updated in 1982 and 1992, based on WHO standards and European direct-entry midwifery programs. Licensed Midwives complete a three-year program of academic and clinical education and must pass the North American Registry of Midwives national certification examination.

Licensed Midwives are autonomous maternity care providers for normal, healthy pregnancies. Midwives must work collaboratively with a physician-led team if medical indications arise or transfer the patient's care to a physician. Licensed Midwives offer childbirth services in homes, birth centers, clinics and hospitals, carry malpractice insurance and are eligible for reimbursement by private insurers and Medicaid. The amount of babies born out of hospital since 1996 has tripled.² The demand for safe options for out of hospital birth and skilled birth attendants continues to grow in Florida and nationally. It is as important now as it was thirty years ago to protect this option.

MIDWIVES PROVIDE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE CARE

- LMs care for women with low-risk pregnancies, screening at the initial visit and throughout the pregnancy, birth and postpartum for any indication that the client should transfer care to a physician.
- LMs offer one-on-one care in client homes and/or at Birth Centers and follow all maternity standard of care guidelines including routine labs, ultrasounds and antenatal and postnatal care schedules.
- LM training consists of a 3-year approved training program, with rigorous academic standards and clinical training in pregnancy, labor, birth, newborn and postpartum care. Students must pass the North American Registry of Midwives national certification exam to apply for FL licensure.
- LMs must complete continuing education requirements for license renewal each biennium.
- LMs are required to report Adverse Outcomes to the FL DOH within 15 days, per FS 456.0495.

¹ Numbers are dynamic and reflect the current statistics as of the day published.

<https://appsmqa.doh.state.fl.us/MQASearchServices/HealthCareProviders>, Accessed 10-21-2019 ²

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