

Licensure by Endorsement Information

The FSTM Licensure by Endorsement program is designed to enable midwives licensed in another state or country to be eligible for licensure as Florida Licensed Midwives. The intent of the program is to provide pre-licensure education to prepare highly qualified and currently licensed practitioners to practice within Florida. FSTM created this program pursuant to Florida Statute 467 and Florida Administrative Code 64B24.

Who can be admitted to the Licensure by Endorsement Program?

1. Foreign-Educated Midwives—Fully credentialed midwives who were educated in another country.
2. Out-of-State Midwives—Fully credentialed midwives who were educated in another state.

What are the prerequisites to the Licensure by Endorsement Program?

To apply for the Licensure by Endorsement program, applicants must:

- Be at least 21 years of age
- Be a fully credentialed midwife in another country or state (hold a current, valid, and unrestricted license to practice midwifery in another state or country)
- Complete an application
- Provide proof of High school diploma or equivalent
- Three (3) credits college level English
- Three (3) credits college level mathematics
- Obtained a transcript evaluation from an approved credentialing agency demonstrating “substantial equivalence” to Florida-approved midwifery education

What is “substantial equivalence”?

A substantially equivalent education means at minimum a 3-year, 90-credit midwifery program or its equivalent that covers the knowledge and skills education required by FS 467 and Rule 64B24. For more information, please see the law and rule that governs this requirement.

What is the curriculum of the Licensure by Endorsement Program?

The curriculum covers approximately 4 months of didactic education and includes the following coursework:

- Florida Law and Rule
- Midwifery Core
- Preparation for Practice
- Clinical Practicum
- Cultural Competency
- Clinical Lab

What is the cost of the Licensure by Endorsement Program?

The total cost paid to FSTM is \$6,470, including all fees. There are additional costs for the program including travel to and from school and clinical site as well as other costs. This program is not eligible for Title IV funding, and there are payment plans available.