



BIRTHWISE MIDWIFERY SCHOOL

Application Essay Prompts

Short Answer Questions

Please address the following short-answer prompts thoroughly, thoughtfully, and concisely in paragraph-form. Copy and paste your answers into your application when prompted.

1. Why have you decided to pursue training as a Certified Professional Midwife, rather than a Certified Nurse Midwife? Or, as a Midwifery Assistant to out-of-hospital birth, rather than as a nurse assist (LNA/CNA)?
2. Why do you envision yourself practicing out-of-hospital (OOH) as a Certified Professional Midwife (CPM), or a midwifery assistant rather than in a hospital setting?
3. Please describe the political/legal status of Certified Professional Midwives in the state in which you currently live or plan to practice midwifery. **Note: your preceptor must be legally allowed to practice in the state where she/he works.*
4. What excites you the most about imagining yourself as a midwife or a midwifery assistant in practice someday? What makes you apprehensive about this path?
5. Why do you want to attend Birthwise Midwifery School in particular?
6. Please describe 1 or 2 key life experiences that have helped shape you into the person you are today.
7. Please describe any health or learning challenges that may impact your experience at Birthwise. Further, please share any strategies, modifications, or accommodations that have supported your success despite this/these challenge(s).
8. What do you consider to be your personal strengths? How do you see these characteristics helping you in becoming an excellent midwife or midwifery assistant?

Essay Question

Please take a moment to reflect on each component of the prompt below. Please craft your responses to these questions into an essay. Save your essay as a .pdf file and upload it to your application documents.

1. Please describe your introduction to, and interest in, midwifery and birth. Why are you on this path? How does midwifery reflect your personal philosophy of pregnancy and birth? Why do you feel called to this career and lifestyle – as a midwife, or as a midwifery assistant? What do you imagine for yourself after school when you are a practicing birth worker? What do you want to do with your life as a midwife or midwife assistant?