



# BIRTHWISE MIDWIFERY SCHOOL

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## Application Essay Prompts

*Early Admission Deadline: February 15, 2019 - Regular Admission Deadline: April 15, 2019*

### Short Answer Questions

Address the following short answer questions thoroughly, thoughtfully, and concisely in paragraph form. Please answer each question in 250 words or less. Then, copy and paste your answers into your online application form.

1. Why have you decided to pursue training as a Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) rather than a Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM) or Certified Midwife (CM)? (250 words or less)
2. Describe the legal status of CPMs in the state where you plan to practice midwifery. (250 words or less)
3. Describe any experiences/interests that have contributed to your decision to pursue midwifery training (e.g., birth experiences and/or experience in a related field). How have these experiences shaped your decision to pursue training as a CPM? (250 words or less)
4. Why do you want to attend Birthwise Midwifery School in particular? (250 words or less)
5. When imagining yourself as a midwife is there anything that makes you apprehensive? (250 words or less)
6. What is your familiarity with the idea of social justice? How do you see this concept intersecting with the work of midwives? (250 words or less)
7. Optional: describe any health or learning challenges that may impact your experience at Birthwise. Please share any strategies, modifications, or accommodations that have supported your success despite these challenges. (250 words or less)

### Essay Question

Address the following prompts in a personal essay that highlights your strengths as a prospective midwifery student. Please address all the prompts in a single essay of 1500 words or less. Then, save your essay as a .pdf file and upload it to your online application form.

- Describe your introduction to, and interest in, midwifery and birth. Why are you on this path?
- What are your personal strengths? How will these strengths help you become an excellent midwife?
- How does the practice of midwifery reflect your personal philosophy of pregnancy and birth?
- After school, what do you hope to accomplish as a midwife?