



BIRTHWISE MIDWIFERY SCHOOL

2021 Application - Essay Prompts

[Campus Option](#) Classes begin March 24, 2021 *Priority Application deadline: November 15, 2020*

[Community Option](#) Classes begin August 9, 2021 *Priority Application deadline: February 15, 2021*

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.

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. How has COVID-19 impacted your interest in becoming a CPM? (250 words or less)
3. Describe the legal status of CPMs in the state where you plan to practice midwifery. (250 words or less)
4. 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)
5. Why do you want to attend Birthwise Midwifery School in particular? (250 words or less)
6. In Spring 2020 we moved all of our classes from in-person to online in order to maintain the safety of students and staff and comply with the State of Maine's response to the pandemic. In fall 2020 we created a plan to safely welcome back some students on campus for hands on courses, while keeping all other classes online. We remain fully committed to our mission of training skilled and compassionate midwives, and continue to offer the strong program our students and prospective students expect. As we look ahead at 2021, we are planning for the possibility that some of our classes may need to remain online, or that we will temporarily need to move to online only instruction if required by the State of Maine or necessary to protect the safety of students, staff and faculty. Please share any thoughts you have about these unknowns, and the potential of your program being delivered partially online. *Please note: Answers to this question will not factor into your acceptance.* (250 words or less)
7. When imagining yourself as a midwife is there anything that makes you apprehensive? (250 words or less)
8. 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)
9. Birthwise students must gain their Clinical Experience within the United States, and most do so outside the state of Maine. What is your logistic plan for completing the Midwifery Program at Birthwise, especially the preceptorship? (250 words or less)
10. 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.

- 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?