



Application to Challenge Clinical Experience

In order to apply to challenge clinical experience a student must meet the following criteria:

1. The experience must have been obtained within the **past 5 years**.
2. Challenging **at least 15 births** is required to reduce the number of preceptorship credits you will need to enroll in to graduate from Birthwise.
3. **If challenging less than 15 births**, the number of preceptorship credits to graduate will not be reduced, only the number of experiences in the Assist category needed to graduate.

Limitations to Challenging Clinical Credits

A maximum of 23 clinical credits may be challenged.

This equates to the ability to challenge up to 50% of the total preceptorship credits, and clinical experiences required in the Birthwise Program with this application. A full 23 credit challenge would effectively meet all of the AUS (assist under supervision) category clinical experience requirements.

All prior experiences will be counted in the assistant (AUS) category, or observation.

All primary (PUS) experiences to be counted toward graduation from Birthwise, must be obtained while enrolled in the program. Births will be evaluated to see if they count as Observe or Assist Under Supervision.

Experience MAXIMUMS Eligible for Challenge

- A maximum of **30 Total Births**
 - Up to **10 births** as a **Trained Doula**
 - Up to **25 Hospital Births**
 - Up to **5 Continuity-of-Care Cases**
(5 prenatal visits, spanning 2 trimesters, the birth & newborn exam, and 2 postpartum visits)
- A maximum of **10 Initial Prenatal Exams**
(history-taking, EDD determination, & physical exam)
- A maximum of **75 Prenatal Exams**
(vitals, leopold's maneuvers, fundal height measurement, counseling & education)
- A maximum of **20 Complete Newborn Exams**
(head-to-toe assessment of the newborn in the immediate postpartum, within 12 hours of birth)
- A maximum of **30 Postpartum Exams**
- A maximum of **20 Gynecological Exams**
(speculum exam with collections of pap smear or cultures, or os visualized for IUI)
- A maximum of **10 Complete Physical Exams***
(auscultation of heart & lungs, thyroid assessment, vitals, breast exam, pelvic exam)
*may also be documented as initial prenatal, postpartum exam, or GYN exam, PRN

Additional Requirements

All applications to challenge clinical credits must be received no later than September 1st for both Community Students and Campus Students.

1. This application requires a **\$50 non-refundable application fee**, which must be included upon submission.
2. The student must provide the Clinical Director with **proper documentation of all experience**.
 - Documentation of each experience must include client ID (no names, please), date of service, and brief description (eg, weeks gestation, age of newborn, days/weeks PP, your involvement in care, significant findings or discussions).
 - Each experience needs to be verified with a **signature from the supervising midwife** or other personnel who were present when the experience was obtained.
 - Documentation of births attended as a doula can include a letter from the client stating you attended their birth as their doula and including their contact information, or a signed evaluation by the client demonstrating date of birth, your role, and contact information for the client.
3. The student must pay **\$30.00 per credit hour awarded**. If your challenge includes fewer than 15 births, no credits and no per-credit fee will be charged
4. Page 1 & 2 of this application may be kept for your records.
5. Pages 3 & 4, along with your verified documentation will be submitted to the Clinical Director for review and approval.

Please contact the Birthwise Clinical Director if you have any questions about challenging clinical credits.

Email: robin@birthwisemidwifery.edu ,

Phone: 207.647.5968



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Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Description of your prior relevant experience (type of practice, location, your role):

	Number	Range of Dates	Setting/Location	Your Role
Initial Visits				
Prenatal Visits				
Hospital Births				
Out-of-Hospital Births				
Doula Births (also counted in categories above)				
Postpartum Visits				
Newborn Exams				
Well Body/ GYN Exams				

Preceptors/Supervisors who have Verified Challenged Experiences:

1. Name: _____ Credentials _____

Phone # _____ Town & State _____

Email: _____

2. Name _____ Credentials _____
Phone # _____ Town & State _____

Email: _____

3. Name _____ Credentials _____
Phone # _____ Town & State _____

Email: _____

Checklist

- Reviewed eligibility to complete Clinical Challenge
- Completed application pages 3 & 4 to submit to Birthwise Clinical Director
- Compiled & attached verified documentation of experiences listed on table above
- Enclosed \$50 application fee
- Made copies of all documentation for your records

Signature

I confirm that my application is complete.

I understand that I am required to take all skills exams despite this challenge credit.

I understand that all primary care requirements must be fulfilled while enrolled at Birthwise.

I understand that if I am challenging 15 or more births I will be charged \$30 per credit for the challenged experiences that are accepted following review of my application.

Signature of Student: _____ Date _____

Please email or fax this application to the Clinical Director, Sarahs@birthwisemidwifery.edu or (844)-410-8874.