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MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY
The Midwifery Institute of The Americas’ (MITA) mission is to provide Midwifery education and provide a base from which those who are called to support women can provide the best standard of care. We offer students a course of study that is designed to prepare them with the skills and knowledge needed to practice as a Florida Licensed Midwife in a home, birth center or office setting according to the law and rules of the State of Florida.

The Midwifery Institute of The Americas feel that the art and science of Midwifery should be taught by other midwives who are active in the care of women or those who support Midwifery as an honored profession.

The Midwifery Institute of The Americas agrees with the International Definition of a Midwife (accepted by the International Confederation of Midwives): A midwife is a person who, having been regularly admitted to a midwifery education program recognized in the country in which it is located, has successfully completed the prescribed course of studies in midwifery and has acquired the requisite qualifications to be registered and /or be legally licensed to practice midwifery. She must be able to give the necessary supervision, care, and advice to women during pregnancy, labor and the postpartum period; to conduct deliveries on her own responsibility; and to care for the newborn and infant. This care includes preventative measures, the detection of abnormal conditions in the mother and child, the procurement of medical assistance, and the execution of emergency measures in the absence of medical help. She has an important task in the health counseling and education, not only for patients but also within the family and the community. The work should involve antenatal education and preparation for parenthood and should extend to certain areas of gynecology, family planning and child care. She may practice in hospitals, clinics, domiciliary conditions and in any other service”

The Midwifery Institute of The Americas has incorporated the core competencies of the Midwives Alliance of North America and the American College of Nurse Midwives into its curriculum as well as meeting the Curriculum Framework developed by the Florida Department of Education, Florida Council of Midwifery and The Florida Department of Health Agency for Health Care Administration. We believe that these courses of study will provide future students with all the knowledge and skills required to successfully practice midwifery and serve women and families throughout North, South and Central America.

HISTORY
The Midwifery Institute of The Americas was founded in 2012 by Deborah DiGiacomo RNC, LM, CPM. Ms. DiGiacomo has been a Registered Nurse with a background in the perinatal field. She has been a Florida Licensed Midwife and Certified Professional Midwife serving the low risk childbearing women in both home and birth center settings. The DiGiacomo family has been owners of Coalition for Childbirth Choices and A Birth Center in Hallandale, FL since 2002.
SCHOOL OBJECTIVES
MITA will train midwives to: Practice independently as a Florida Licensed Midwife for women considered to be low risk during their pregnancy and birth and provide comprehensive maternity care for women throughout North, Central and South America.

Pass the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) National Examination (used by the State of Florida as the State licensing exam.) and meet criteria for becoming a Certified Professional Midwife (CPM)

We will emphasize differentiating low risk and high risk pregnancies, the skills necessary to attend out of hospital birth and finally to prepare them to start and continue in their own midwifery practices after they are licensed.

These objectives will be attained by providing learning experience based on the art of Midwifery and modern medical science. Our students will be taught the essential clinical and communication skills needed to provide safe, compassionate care.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CLASS SIZE
Class size for midwifery classes will average between 15 and 20 students to allow for personal attention and individualized instruction.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT
The Midwifery Institute of the Americas does not discriminate in the admission of its students. It is an equal opportunity employer.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
Courses are not necessarily taught in the same order as they appear in the curriculum outline.

The school reserves the right to change the program outline, start dates, tuition, or to cancel programs. Currently enrolled students will not be affected by tuition increases. All program cancellations shall be in accordance with the Department of Education and the State of Florida rules and regulations.

JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE.
Students are admitted to the school based upon the likelihood that they will be practice the profession of midwifery. Midwives most often establish private practices though they may gain employment in Freestanding Birth Centers. The Midwifery Institute of The Americas makes no guarantee that a student will be hired after graduation, but every effort will be put forth to direct students towards potential employers or prepare them to establish a private practice.
COUNSELING
Students may be referred to counseling opportunities in the community by faculty and staff of the school.

COMMUNITY SERVICE
The Midwifery Institute of the Americas recognizes the importance of community service. As a part of the training we try to instill a feeling of responsibility towards the community and we encourage our students to volunteer in various community projects.

GRADUATION
Upon successful completion of all prescribed subjects of instruction for the Diploma in Midwifery and attaining a cumulative grade point average of 80 percent or better; demonstrating the ability to perform all required competencies; completed all clinical requirements required to be licensed as a midwife in the State of Florida and satisfied all financial obligations to the school, the student will be awarded a Diploma in Midwifery. Students may participate in the graduation ceremony providing that all graduations requirements listed above have been met. It should be noted that this Diploma should not be considered the equivalent of a traditional Associates Degree which incorporates liberal arts courses. Course credits may or may not be transferred to another institution of higher learning based on the policies of that institution.

MIDWIFERY IN THE FUTURE
Midwifery is currently legal and accepted in the State of Florida and many but not all States in the US. MITA makes no guarantees that future regulatory changes would not restrict the practice of midwifery here in the State of Florida and elsewhere.

TUTORING
Tutoring is available by appointment with instructors. A student may request a tutorial from an instructor at any time she has missed class material. An instructor has the option of requiring a tutorial at any time he/she believes that the student has missed material that needs to be communicated directly, not through students and their notes. The fee for tutorial will not exceed $60.00 per hour.

ACCREDITATION
The Midwifery Institute of the Americas is not accredited. As a student of a non-accredited school you may not be eligible for financial aid, and credit for courses offered may or may not be accepted by another educational institution. MITA will be seeking accreditation by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC) in the future according to MEAC guidelines.
PROFESSIONAL AND CREDENTIALING ORGANIZATIONS.
Students are encouraged to associate themselves with the professional and credentialing organizations for midwifery for the purpose of continuing education, licensing, certification, employment opportunities and awareness of professional trends.

State of Florida Department of Health, Division of Medical Quality Assurance, Council of Midwifery;

Midwives Association of Florida;

Midwives Alliance of North America;

North American Registry of Midwives.

LIBRARY
In addition to state required books (an unabridged dictionary, a thesaurus, medical dictionary) and copies of all required textbooks A library of professional books, periodicals and electronic media is available for student use. The library is open Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and whenever classes are in session.

HOURS OF OPERATION
The administrative office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m Monday through Friday by appointment. Please call for an appointment.

Classes take place as per the individualized class schedule and to accommodate adult working students frequently take place on weekends and evenings. Some classes may begin as early as 8:00 a.m. or end as late as 11:00 p.m.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
The following legal and religious holidays will be observed.


We will make provisions as far as possible for all other religious holidays at the request of individual students and at the discretion of the instructor. An exact schedule will be given at the beginning of each semester.
ADVANCED STANDING
Students requesting Advanced Standing for academic courses at MITA must provide sufficient verifiable evidence to support their request. All requests must be made prior to starting the program. Requests for Advanced Standing will be evaluated by the Academic Director and/or other faculty members. Any expenses for the evaluations(s) will be the responsibility of the student. No requests may be made after enrolling in the program. We suggest that the applicant review the entire curriculum for the program before applying.

Please refer to the Application for Admission, Advanced Standing Request Instructions for exact instructions on how to apply. The fee per credit for Advanced Standing is $15.00 per credit and will be assessed upon acceptance into the program. Advanced standing fees are nonrefundable. The student will be notified of the Advanced Standing Evaluation by the Academic Director. As mandated in FS 467, previous student experience will be assessed on an individual basis. “In no case shall the training be reduced to a period of less than 2 years” FS 467.009(2).

CREDIT BY EXAMINATION
The Academic Director may review Advanced Standing requests the evaluator has denied. The student may petition the Academic Director, in writing, requesting the review. The Academic Director, in consultation with the Course Instructor, will decide whether the student qualifies for Credit by Examination. If approved there is a charge of $75.00 for each examination. The student must achieve a minimum of 85% to receive credit for the course. If the student does not pass the examination, she or he will be required to take the course to receive credit. In this instance the student will be responsible for full tuition associated with the course.

TRANSFER OF CREDITS
Transferability of credit from The Midwifery Institute of the Americas is at the discretion of the accepting institution, and that it is the student’s responsibility to confirm whether or not credits will be accepted by another institution of the student’s choice.

STUDENT RECORDS
Student records are maintained indefinitely. Students may examine their records by scheduling an appointment with the director.

TRANSCRIPTS
Copies of transcripts may be obtained by submitting a written request to the school. A fee of $5.00 per copy is charged with the exception of a first transcript sent to the state for licensing application. Please allow 10 business days to process transcripts. Transcripts will not be forwarded if a student is delinquent in their financial obligations and, if applicable, has not officially withdrawn from the school.
ADMISSION PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

To be admitted to the Three Year Midwifery Program or the Four Month Licensure by Endorsement Midwifery Program and be considered for a place in the next class the student must: Submit a completed application form and a $75.00 Career Evaluation fee and call for a Career Evaluation appointment. Applicants will be scheduled for a Career Evaluation appointment with the director or admissions office who will discuss the program of study, including the applicant’s individual motivation and potential for success in the training and practice of midwifery.

Applicants will be notified if they have been accepted for enrollment within two weeks prior to the start date of enrollment. A catalog and list of required texts and supplies will be given to the student one week prior to enrollment.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL MIDWIFERY PROGRAMS

All students must:

• Be over the age of 18 upon admission
• Hold a high school diploma or its equivalent
• Have taken and received a passing grade in a college level Math course worth 3 credits
• Have taken and received a passing grade in a college level English course worth 3 credits OR demonstrate competencies in communication (English) and computation (Math) by passing the College Level Academic Scholastic Test (CLEP or CLAST)
• Be able to communicate verbally and in writing using the English language to the satisfaction of the Director.
• Completed a Doulas of North America (DONA) doula training program within the last 2 years OR have current full certification as a DONA Doula.
• Completed Childbirth Education Training within the last two years in a ICEA, Lamaze, Bradley or CCI program OR have current full certification as a Childbirth Educator in one of the above listed programs.
• Completed a Basic Cardiac Life Support Class (CPR)
• Attend a “So You Want to be a Midwife” Seminar sponsored by MITA ($50.00 fee)
• Be over the age of 21 at graduation.

Applicants for Midwifery licensure and candidates for examination may be excluded from licensure, certification or registration if their felony conviction falls into certain timeframes as established in Section 456.0635(2), Florida Statutes.
**ADDITIONAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FOUR MONTH LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT MIDWIFERY**

In addition to the general admission requirements, all students applying to this program must:

Have their credentials and midwifery education reviewed and approved by the State of Florida (Complete the DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Council of Licensed Midwifery APPLICATION FOR 4-MONTH PRE-LICENSURE COURSE found at: http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/midwifery/ap_month.pdf) NO Applications will be accepted to the Four Month Licensure by Endorsement Midwifery program until we have notification from the Florida Council of Midwifery that the above application is approved.

**CLINICAL PRACTICUM/ EXTERNSHIP**

A clinical component is required as part of the program of study. This externship will be under the supervision of a skilled midwife and/or OB/GYN. Clinical Practicum is arranged by the Director. This is a major component of midwifery studies and a requirement of graduation and licensure as a midwife. All practicums are graded by the preceptor (midwife or physician overseeing the clinical site) and are part of the student’s final grade.

Each student is expected to demonstrate the ability to perform all required competencies in order to graduate. The ability to obtain your clinical experience in a midwifery private practice, birth center or other medical settings is a privilege and not an entitlement in the program. The school has an agreement with A Birth Center in Hallandale FL as a clinical site for its students. However you are accepted at this or any other site solely at the discretion of the director of that site. If a student is unable to get clinical experience at an approved clinical site, they will be terminated from the program.

**GRADING SYSTEM**

A  95-100

Outstanding

B  90-94

Above Average

C  85-89

Satisfactory

D  80-84

Below average

F  Below 80

Unacceptable
STANDARDS FOR SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS
• Passing grade in all classes is 80% or above
• Students failing a course or semester exam will be given one opportunity to retake the exam within a time frame approved by the individual instructor but not more than 30 days after failure grade is given.
• If a student fails a repeat exam, the class must be retaken when next offered.
• Any student who fails 2 classes will be placed on academic probation.
• Any student who fails 3 classes will be suspended and attend mandatory counseling with the Director to determine if the student is suited to this field of study and profession.
• A suspended student may re-enter the program at the beginning of the next school year if both the student and Director agree that the student can continue the program successfully.

CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION FROM THREE YEAR MIDWIFERY
In addition to completing all clinical and externship hours described in this catalog, the syllabus and course descriptions the student must at minimum meet the following requirements:

• 80 Prenatal exams
• 20 Initial Prenatal exams
• 30 Birth Observes
• 50 Birth Managements
• 50 Postpartum exams
• 50 Newborn exams

CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION FROM FOUR MONTH LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT MIDWIFERY.
All the following must be done under supervision:

• 10 Prenatal exams
• 10 Birth Observes (out of hospital only)
• 10 Birth Managements (out of hospital only)
• 10 newborn exams (out of hospital only)
• 10 postpartum exams (5 of them as initial home visits after out of hospital births)
CLINICAL HOURS TIME FRAME
Each woman’s birth experience is unique. Given this, the exact number of hours required to attend the mandated number of birth experiences cannot be exactly determined. Students must understand that intrapartum hours (time spent at births) may exceed the Clinical hours listed in the curriculum, but in no circumstances be less than hours listed in the curriculum.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Leave of absence is discouraged. A student must request a leave in writing to be granted at the discretion of the Director. Only one leave per 12 months is permitted and may not last more than 30 days. If a student requires multiple leaves of absence or leaves longer than 30 days, they will be asked to formally withdraw from the program and may be reinstated at a later date. Request to withdraw must be made in writing and approved by the Director.

WITHDRAWAL AND TERMINATION
The student shall have the option to withdraw from the school at any time by giving notice of intent to terminate enrollment to the Director and/or administrative staff. The school reserves the right to discontinue the enrollment of any student whose academic performance, attendance, or conduct is, for any reason, unsatisfactory. Any student who is absent for a period of 1 week of classes without notification to the school and good cause, will be subject to termination at the Director’s discretion.

In the case of a student’s prolonged illness, accident, death in the family, or other circumstances that make it impractical to complete the course, the student may withdraw without damage to status and the school shall make a settlement which is fair and reasonable to both parties, and conforms to the tuition reimbursement policy and state law.

Any student found guilty of academic dishonesty will receive an immediate “zero” for that subject and will be expelled. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to: cheating, copying, plagiarism or failure to report same.

REINSTATEMENT
Once a student is dismissed for any reason, she/he may seek reinstatement through a personal interview with the Director. If the Director feels that the student intends to comply with all school policies, a probationary period of 12 weeks will be arranged. If dismissal was the result of failure to pay tuition, an acceptable plan for payment must be made prior to reinstatement. If, at the end of the probationary period, progress has been satisfactory, the student will be returned to full student status. If not, the student’s enrollment will be terminated.
PROBATION
If a student does not maintain satisfactory performance in academic or practical (clinical) areas of study, or there is a problem with attitude or behavior leading to a concern about the successful completion of the program, the school will place the student on probation for a period of time not to exceed one semester. If satisfactory improvement is made as determined by the Director, the student will be allowed to continue in the program. If satisfactory improvement is not made, the student will be asked to leave the program.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ATTENDANCE: CLASSES AND CLINICAL SITES
Students must attend all classes’ assigned clinical sites regularly and arrive punctually. In the event of an illness or inability to attend, the student must notify the school in writing (email accepted) presenting valid and verifiable excuse such as a doctor’s note, obituary etc. Tardiness is defined as arrival to class 15 minutes after the scheduled class or clinical time. Two days of unexcused absence or tardiness may be grounds for dismissal. The determination of excused or unexcused absences or tardiness shall be at administrations discretion. A student may be dismissed for excessive unexcused absences, i.e., 2 or more consecutive or 3 or more con-consecutive days per semester for classes or clinical sites. Refusal to attend a birth without a valid verifiable excuse may result in the student losing the ability to attend clinical instruction at that site. The determination to dismiss a student from a clinical site will be a joint decision between school administration and the director of the clinical site. Upon readmission to class, the student must make up lost instruction time to the satisfaction of the instructor and the Director.

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL
Drugs and alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited on school premises. Student intoxication with drugs or alcohol during class or clinical hours will not be tolerated and is grounds for immediate expulsion.

RESPECT FOR PROPERTY
Students will be responsible for and pay for all property damaged or destroyed. Vandalism will result in immediate expulsion and contract termination without recourse or appeal. All students must keep classrooms and work areas clean. Class will not be dismissed until all classrooms or work areas are inspected for cleanliness.

PROPER DECORUM AND BEHAVIOR
Students must conduct themselves in class with proper decorum, respect and attention to the instructors. Instructors are the final arbiters of proper classroom behavior. Disrespect to instructors or preceptors or the staff at a clinical site is grounds for disciplinary action such as suspension or expulsion. Students will behave
with courtesy and regard for other persons and school property. Violence against any other student, instructor, administrative staff, and preceptor or clinical site staff is grounds for immediate expulsion.

**DISCIPLINARY POLICY**

Failure to adhere to school rules and regulations will be considered reason for student suspension or expulsion. When a problem is identified, a verbal and written warning will be given to the student. If the problem persists, the student will meet with the Director or other administrative official. A probationary period may be assigned depending on the severity of the infraction. At the end of any probationary period, if the problem has not been remedied, the student may be dismissed from the program. Students may be dismissed for any of the following reasons: Failure to fulfill academic or financial requirements; Attending classes or clinical experience under the influence of alcohol or drugs; Intentional insubordination to faculty members or staff; Behaving in any manner that may be harmful to the learning environment or reputation of the school. Students may appeal the expulsion in writing with 72 hours to the Director. An appeal of expulsion will be reviewed by administration. In the absence of an appeal, the student’s enrollment shall be considered terminated.

**STUDENT COMPLAINT/GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

The Midwifery Institute of the Americas endeavors to be responsible to the needs of its students. In the event that a complaint arises, students are expected to resolve such grievances in a constructive and appropriate manner. Most complaints are resolved on an informal basis. However, if necessary, students may peruse more formal channels by contacting the Director. If a settlement of grievances cannot be reached, students may contact the Board of Education, Commission for Independent Education at 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1414, Tallahassee, FL 32399

**FOOD OR SMOKING**

Food or beverages can be obtained at stores and restaurants in the immediate vicinity of the school. Food will be consumed during regularly scheduled breaks unless otherwise allowed by individual instructors. Students who wish to smoke may only do so in designated areas outside the school and only during breaks. The school is a non-smoking facility. The school heavily discourages smoking at any time.

**DRESS CODE**

Students are expected to attend class and clinical rotations in professional attire that is appropriate to the setting. All students will wear the uniform that is required by the preceptor or clinical site for externship or births. In addition; Jewelry will be limited to a watch and 1 small pair of earrings; appropriate closed shoes will be worn at all times; hair will be clean and pulled back off the face with clips or in a ponytail, braided or covered. Students are expected to maintain a high standard of personal cleanliness and grooming. All students must be clean, neat and dress in a modest fashion during class time, at clinical sites and while representing the school.
TELEPHONES
All students are required to have a cell phone at their own expense to respond to calls to clinical sites or births. Therefore there is no reason for a student to have incoming calls or make outgoing calls on school phones. Cell phones will be muted during class and at clinical sites. Telephone calls during class or at clinical sites will only be answered if it is an emergency and outside the hearing of other classmates or patients/clients at clinical sites. Repeated disruption of the learning environment by telephone calls is grounds for discipline.

LOCATION AND FACILITIES
The Midwifery Institute of the Americas is located at 3001 W. Hallandale Beach, FL 33009.

The facilities consist of a lecture room, business office, and freestanding birth center (A Birth Center) consisting of 5 exam rooms, laboratory, 3 fully stocked and functional birthing rooms, storage area with washer and dryer, media/waiting area and library area with a total area of 4000 sq. feet. The school and birth center are handicapped accessible.

OWNERSHIP
The Midwifery Institute of the Americas is incorporated as an LLC under the laws of the State of Florida, and owned by its principle stockholders, Deborah DiGiacomo, Wayne DiGiacomo MD, Coalition for Childbirth Choices Inc. and Venetian Isle Medical Consultants Inc. The corporate offices are located at 3001 W. Hallandale Beach Blvd, Hallandale, FL 33009.

ADMINISTRATION
Deborah DiGiacomo RNC, LM, CPM – President/Director of Midwifery Education/

Administrative Supervisor

Janice Heller LM, AP, MMS – Curriculum Developer/Advisor

ADVISORY BOARD
The advisory board of the Midwifery Institute of the Americas is comprised of all members of the administration and all currant faculty members.
Deborah DiGiacomo RNC, L.M. CPM

Ms. DiGiacomo is a graduate of the St. Louis Municipal School of Nursing. She practiced as a Registered Nurse for many years in both Missouri and Florida as a Neonatal Emergency Transport Nurse Specialist and as nursing staff in numerous labor and delivery units. After graduating from the International School of Midwifery in Miami, FL, Ms. DiGiacomo became a Florida Licensed Midwife and a Certified Professional Midwife (Certification by the North American Registry of Midwives). She has practiced with her midwifery partner Mary Harris in their homebirth practice and also as a staff midwife at A Birth Center.

Wayne P. DiGiacomo M.D. FACOG

Dr. DiGiacomo obtained his BS at the University of Miami Magna Cum Laude before traveling to Italy where he attended the University Di Roma Sapienza and was awarded his doctorate in Medicine and Surgery. Returning to the University of Miami, Dr. DiGiacomo continued his postgraduate studies with a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology. He is a board certified OB/GYN and Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (FACOG). He has practiced in both the private and public sector and also holds currant positions as Assistant Professor at Barry University, Nova Southeastern University and Florida Atlantic University. Previously he was on the faculty of the Miami Dade College Midwifery program. Dr. DiGiacomo is the owner of Venetian Isles Medical Consultants Inc., a full service OB/GYN practice and the owner/administrator of Coalition for Childbirth Choices Inc. DBA A Birth Center. Dr. DiGiacomo respects midwifery immensely and is the medical consultant for numerous Birth Centers throughout Florida and was previously appointed to the Florida Council of Licensed Midwifery which regulates Direct Entry Midwifery in our state.

Janice Heller, L.M., A.P., M.M.S.

Ms. Heller has been practicing midwifery in South Florida for over 30 years in her private homebirth practice and in birth centers. She is a graduate of the South Florida School of Midwifery and has an AA from Miami Dade College. After many years of midwifery practice, Ms. Heller decided to expand her education and horizons by attending the Community School of Traditional Chinese Medicine where she graduated as a Doctor of Chinese Medicine. She is a Licensed Acupuncturist in the State of Florida and uses these skills in both midwifery and general Chinese Medicine care. Ms. Heller also holds a Master of Medical Science degree from Nova Southeastern University.
**Mary Harris B.S., L.M., C.P.M.**

Ms. Harris is a graduate of the University of Miami where she was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree. She worked many years in head trauma rehabilitation before deciding that midwifery was her special calling. Ms. Harris graduated from the International School of Midwifery, became a Florida Licensed Midwife, Certified Professional Midwife (North American Registry of Midwives) and with Deborah DiGiacomo started a private homebirth practice which she maintains to this day. Besides homebirth, she has worked at numerous south Florida Birth Centers. Despite her busy practice, Ms. Harris has had time to mentor many aspiring midwives throughout the years as a clinical preceptor.

**Marguerite Epstein L.M.**

Ms. Epstein entered the healthcare arena after graduating from the Atlantic Vocational Technical School Practical Nursing program. She worked for many years in Intensive Care Units as a Board Certified Nephrology Nurse (American Board of Nephrology Nursing) and taught dialysis therapies and renal Anatomy and Physiology for the Florida Medical Center’s Critical Care Nursing course. Leaving hospital practice behind, Ms. Epstein entered the National School of Technology and graduated with a Specialized Associates Degree in Midwifery. She was co-founder of the International School of Midwifery in Miami Beach Florida but left that venue for private practice. Ms. Epstein has helped numerous Florida freestanding birth centers establish themselves and become licensed. Since 2003 she has held the position of Clinical Coordinator for Coalition for Childbirth Choices Inc. DBA A Birth Center
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

TUITION AND FEES
Tuition for Three Year Midwifery is $22000.00. Tuition for the Four Month Licensure by Endorsement Midwifery program is $5500.

An Enrollment Fee of $150.00 will be required at the time of enrollment in a program of study. Upon registration, students will assume full responsibility for payment of her/his tuition and other fees associated with their education at MITA in accordance with the payment policies of the school. Tuition must be paid prior to the start of the program or a formal payment plan arranged with administration for the remaining balance during the course of the program. Payment plans require a 10% down payment followed by monthly payments for the rest of the program. No interest will be charged on the balance of tuition during a payment plan. All tuition and other fees must be paid according to the payment plan to continue matriculation. Late fee of $25.00 will be assessed for any payment 7 days or more after the agreed upon payment date. Students will be suspended for payments in arrears 14 days or more until back payment(s) are made. Enrollment may be terminated for payments 21 or more days in arrears.

All prices for the programs are printed herein. Contracts are not sold to a third party at any time. There are no carrying charges, interest charges or service charges connected or charged with any of these programs unless stated.

Fees are subject to change. Students are responsible for the purchase of course supplies, certification certificates (i.e. BCLS, CPM, NRP ) State licensing fees, books, travel, as well as room and board while at clinical sites. Some clinical sites do require administrative fees which are solely the responsibility of the student. Students are responsible for the purchase of supplies, equipment and texts. A list of items needed will be provided at enrollment. Books must be purchased in advance of the term in which they will be required for study. MITA frowns upon borrowing or leasing school texts. Texts for our program are carefully chosen to not only provide for optimum learning in the classroom, but to be essential resources in any midwife’s personal library. Many supplies that will be required are not only used during the student’s clinical training, but are also needed to practice their profession. MITA will assist the student in sourcing required supplies for student purchase. Students contemplating enrollment in the Four Month Licensure by Endorsement Midwifery program are responsible for all costs incurred in obtaining approval to matriculate in a “4 month Pre Licensure Course” by the State of Florida, Council of Midwifery

FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS
The Midwifery Institute of the Americas does not offer financial aid programs.
WORK STUDY PROGRAMS
Affiliated birth centers may employ students in various capacities. Students must be in good standing academically and clinically to keep work study assignments. Students can also be terminated from work study assignments if their financial obligations to the school are not kept current.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

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Should a student’s enrollment be terminated or cancelled for any reason, all refunds will be made according to the following schedule:

1. Cancellation can be made in person, by electronic mail, by Certified Mail or by termination.

2. All monies will be refunded if the school does not accept the applicant or if the student cancels within three (3) business days after signing the enrollment agreement and making initial payment.

3. Cancellation after the third (3rd) Business Day, but before the first class, will result in a refund of all monies paid, with the exception of the registration fee (not to exceed $150.00).

4. Cancellation after attendance has begun, but prior to 40% completion of the program, will result in a Pro Rata refund computed on the number of hours completed to the total program hours.

5. Cancellation after completing 40% of the program will result in no refund.

6. Termination Date: When calculating the refund due to a student, the last date of actual attendance by the student is used in the calculation unless earlier written notice was received.

7. Refunds will be made within 30 days of termination of the student’s enrollment or receipt of a Cancellation Notice from the student.

CHANGES IN PROGRAMS AND TUITION CHANGES

MITA reserves the right to teach subject areas in any order it deems necessary, to add to or delete from certain courses, programs or areas of study as circumstances and state law may require, and to make faculty changes. Changes in training curriculum shall not involve additional cost to currently enrolled students unless a new enrollment agreement is executed for an expanded program.
**Definition of Unit of Clock Hours**

1 clock hour = 50 minutes of direct instruction with a 10 minute break.

2 Externship hours = 1 clock hour

4 hours of labor monitoring/labor & delivery attendance = 1 Externship hour

**THREE YEAR MIDWIFERY**

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

This program provides training to qualified person to become proficient in the practice of midwifery (the supervision and facilitation of the process of normal labor and childbirth, including the provision of prenatal, postpartum and newborn care.) Three year midwifery students will complete 900 class hours and 910 externship/clinical hours over 6 terms. Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses may be granted advanced standing. These students with prior Nursing Licensure and advanced standing must complete no less than 700 classroom hours and 700 externship/clinical hours over at least a two year period. In no case shall the period be reduced to less than two years. FS467.009.2

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVE**

Upon graduation, the student will receive a Diploma in Midwifery and be eligible to take the Florida Licensed Midwifery Exam that is administered for the state by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM). Upon passing this exam, the graduate may file for licensure as a Florida Licensed Midwife (L.M.) The graduate may also apply for certification as a Certified Professional Midwife (C.P.M.) through NARM.
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Total 150 Classroom hours

Total 210 Externship Hours
Four Month Licensure by Endorsement Midwifery
Also known as 4-MONTH PRE-LICENSE COURSE by the State of Florida Council of Licensed Midwifery

Program Description
This program is designed to prepare maternity care providers credentialed in other states or other countries for licensure as a Florida Licensed Midwife. This program focuses on the art and science of home and birth center maternity care, equipping students with the knowledge and skills needed to be a safe, independent practitioner. Course work is both academic and clinical, with an emphasis on the laws and rules that govern practice as a Licensed Midwife in the state of Florida. Applicants are required to have their credentials and midwifery education reviewed and approved by the state of Florida Council of Midwifery prior to enrolling in this program.

Program Objective
Upon graduation, the student will receive a Diploma in Midwifery and be eligible to take the Florida Licensed Midwifery Exam that is administered for the state by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM). Upon passing this exam, the graduate may file for licensure as a Florida Licensed Midwife (L.M.) the graduate may also apply for certification as a Certified Professional Midwife (C.P.M.) through NARM.

Clinical Lab Hours & Timeframe for Completion
The exact number of hours required to attend the mandated number of birth experiences cannot be determined due to the nature of birth. Students must understand that the time spent at births may exceed the clinical lab hours listed in the curriculum.

Most students complete this program within 6 months, but no sooner than 4 months. However, some students may need further academic work to make up deficiencies identified in evaluation, and some may need more time to complete clinical requirements. The need for more time to complete the clinical requirements depends on preceptor availability, out of hospital birth rates in the student’s area and the student’s personal choices and circumstances throughout the program.
## Licensure by Endorsement Midwifery Curriculum

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Total 135 Class room hours = 9 credit hours

Total 180 Externship Hours = 6 credit hours

Total 15 credit hours to meet state licensure rules
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
Courses are numbered according to the term in which they will be offered.

LM 100 Basic Nursing Skills 50 hours
This course covers the theory and performance of healthcare skills basic to midwifery. Topics include: Physical assessment to include the full history and physical and vital signs assessment, medical terminology relevant to midwifery, charting skills, aseptic and sterile technique, body mechanics, OSHA and blood borne pathogens, common medical procedures and the use of medical equipment relevant to midwifery care.

LM 120 Human Growth & Development 40 hours
This course covers the stages of human growth and development from infancy to geriatrics.

LM 130 Epidemiology 20 hours
This course is the study of germ theory with emphasis on the spread of disease from a public health perspective. It will include the study of childhood diseases and maternal infections.

LM 140 AIDS/HIV 5 hours
This course covers HIV and AIDS with emphasis on transmission and prevention. Current treatments and care of those with HIV/AIDS will be discussed including interacting with sufferers in a humane and empathetic manner.

LM 150 Ethics & Professionalism 10 hours
This course will cover ethical behaviors, professional appearance and demeanor, liability and the midwife’s professional responsibility to clients, the public, government and peers.

LM 160 Healthcare Communication 15 hours
This course will teach communications skills needed to interact with clients, other health care professionals and government agencies. HIPPA compliance will be an important part of this course.
LM 170 Phlebotomy 10 hours

In this course, the student will be taught the correct methods of drawing blood with various equipment. Appropriate specimen containers and tubes, and how to request laboratory tests will be covered. The student will also learn how to insert venous indwelling catheters (IVs) and how to set up an IV infusion.

LM 210 Anatomy & Physiology 55 hours

This course is a study of the body’s organization and structure. It also introduces the student to basic physiologic concepts as they relate to normal body function and maintenance of health.

LM 220 Normal Antepartum Knowledge & Skills I 35 hours

This course will cover the care of a normal pregnancy through the onset of labor. Students will learn the skills of physical assessment, to include the probable and presumptive signs of pregnancy and the components of the prenatal visit. Students will be instructed in recognizing deviations from the norm, and counseling about the common complaints of pregnancy.

LM 230 Lab & Diagnostic Testing 30 hours

In this course, the student will be familiarized with the laboratory and diagnostic tests commonly used in the perinatal and newborn periods. The student will be taught to order/perform and interpret these tests, act on them accordingly and to relay the results to other healthcare professionals if needed and to the client in an understandable form.

LM 240 Embryology 20 hours

This course is designed to familiarize the student with embryological development, genetics, genetic testing, the embryo and the fetus.

LM 250 Neonatal Resuscitation 10 hours

The NRP course has been designed to teach an evidence-based approach to resuscitation of the newborn. The causes, prevention, and management of mild to severe neonatal asphyxia are carefully explained so that health professionals may develop optimal knowledge and skill in resuscitation.
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LM 370  Parenting  10 hours

In this course, the student will learn how to assist the parent adjust to their new baby as well as explore the various methods of parenting. This course will cover how to relate information to parents on their child’s developmental stages and how to deal with these stages, their child’s needs, and also methods of discipline.

LM 410  A & P of the Female Reproductive System  25 hours

This course is a study of the anatomy and basic physiologic functions of the female reproductive system. It will build on knowledge gained in the Anatomy and Physiology course to provide an in depth understanding of pregnancy, birth and lactation from a biophysical perspective. An understanding of Female sexuality will also be provided.

LM 420  Practice Management I/Liability  10 hours

This course is designed to help the midwifery student understand the legal aspects of independent practice and personal liability while attending women and newborns including malpractice and malpractice coverage.

LM 430  Loss & Grieving  20 hours

An understanding of the grieving process and relevant coping techniques will be presented. Emphasis will be placed on the effects of perinatal loss on both the client, family and midwife and counseling techniques in the face of loss.

LM 440  Applied Pharmacology  25 hours

This course is designed to teach the preparation, use, administration and effects of drugs commonly used in the perinatal period. Emphasis is placed on calculating dosages and measurements. The student will also be introduced to the use of the PDR and other media used in further research about pharmaceuticals.

LM 450  Normal Labor & Delivery II  35 hours

In this course the information offered in Normal Labor & Delivery I will be built upon and the emphasis will be on management skills for labor, delivery and the postpartum are provided along with recognizing deviations from the norm.
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<td>LM 460</td>
<td>The Neonate</td>
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<td>This course covers the normal newborn, the newborn examination, variations in newborn behavior and the transitional time period. The student will learn to recognize deviations from the norm and neonatal complications requiring transfer and/or referral. The metabolic screening testing will be discussed.</td>
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<td>LM 470</td>
<td>History of Midwifery</td>
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<td>This course will trace the history of midwifery from its origins to current practice in Florida and around the world.</td>
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<td>LM 480</td>
<td>Birth Review I</td>
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<td>This is a review of those births most recently attended or observed by the student while providing client anonymity. All aspects of the birth will be reviewed and evaluated. Birth videos may be presented and critiqued.</td>
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<td>LM 490</td>
<td>Medical Errors</td>
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<td>In this course the student will learn to identify factors that contribute to the occurrence of medical errors, recognize error-prone situations, processes and strategies to improve patient outcomes and recognize responsibilities for reporting medical errors.</td>
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<td>LM 510</td>
<td>Normal Labor &amp; Delivery III</td>
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<td>This course will further refine the student’s skills in management of the normal birth at home and in a birth center and recognizing deviations from the normal.</td>
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<td>LM 520</td>
<td>Legal Aspects of Midwifery (Law &amp; Rules)</td>
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LM 530  Complications of Pregnancy, Birth, Postpartum And the Newborn II  

In this course the more experienced midwifery student will build upon information taught in the previous course to further identify complications of the perinatal and newborn periods and the methods of dealing with these complications.

LM 540  Normal Antepartum Knowledge & Skills II  

In this course the student will build upon the knowledge and skills learned in Antepartum Knowledge and Skills I. The student will refine assessment skills and learn to integrate laboratory/diagnostic testing into the care of the client. Emphasis will be placed on recognizing deviations from the norm. Accurately using the health care record will also be covered.

LM 550  Well Woman Gynecology  

This course is a study of the methods and practice of the basic gynecological examination, collection of specimens, diagnostic tests and recognizing abnormalities. Referral of clients for deviations from the normal will be presented.

LM 560  Suturing  

In this course, the student will learn and practice the various techniques for the repair of first and second degree lacerations and the episiotomies.

LM 610  Alternative Therapies  

This course will cover methods to improve health and treat discomforts and complications through alternative and complementary medicine. Chiropractic, herbology, homeopathy, aroma therapy, reflexology and Chinese medicine including acupuncture will be discussed.

LM 620  Family Planning  

This course will cover methods of family planning including natural and pharmaceutical contraception and the counseling of clients about these methods.
This course will cover the incidence of domestic violence in midwifery clients, how to identify clients affected by domestic violence and the appropriate referral of victims of domestic violence to public and private resources.

In this course the senior midwifery student will build upon previous information and skills learned about dealing with complications in the perinatal and newborn periods. Birth Emergency Skills Training: Manual for Out-of-Hospital Midwives will be used extensively.

This course will present business ownership facets of starting a practice such as a business plan, zoning, contracts, staffing, and advertising. Concepts in developing business/practice forms and selecting an EHR program will be offered. An overview of medical insurance and insurance contracts and billing will be presented. There will be emphasis on organizational skills.

This course will cover referral of high risk women to obstetrical care by a physician and collaborative care of the higher risk women with medical personnel as outlined by Florida law. Emphasis will be placed on identifying those women will benefit from collaborative management.

This course is a continuation of Birth Review I. The senior student will be able to review all aspects of births attended or observed with a more critical eye.

In this course, communication skills with clients are introduced. Emphasis will be placed on interviewing techniques and working with the client in a sensitive and open manner.
LM 680  Comprehensive Review for NARM  25 hours

This course will prepare the student to sit the state licensing exam administered by the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) by reviewing the exam study guide.

LE 100  Review of Normal and Complicated Antepartum, Intrapartum, Postpartum & Newborn care  35 hours

This course is designed only for the Four Month Licensure by Endorsement Midwifery Students who have previous education in providing perinatal and newborn care as a midwife or physician. The student will review normal and complicated care of the woman in the perinatal period and the newborn. Emphasis will be placed on practicing this care as a midwife according to the law and rules for Florida Midwifery.

EXT 200  Externship I  200 hours
EXT 300  Externship II  200 hours
EXT 400  Externship III  150 hours
EXT 500  Externship IV  150 hours
EXT 600  Externship V  210 hours
LEX 100  Externship for LE Students  180 hours

The Externship is designed to provide hands on care of women during the perinatal period and the newborn in clinical sites such as home, birth center and office. Students will utilize knowledge gained from class room courses offered concurrently. Students will be supervised during this time by Florida Licensed Midwives, Florida Licensed Certified Nurse Midwives and Florida Licensed Physicians who are board certified by ACOG. 30 hours of onsite attendance at externship will be the equivalent of 1 credit hour with the exception of labor or delivery in which 4 hours of attendance will equal 1 externship hour (120 hours of labor & delivery = 1 credit hour)
ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Our program is structured as a full-time, sequential curriculum. This means that with some exceptions, students must complete the curriculum in the order it appears. The material covered in each term builds on the one before, and because classes are offered only at certain times of the year, students must take advantage of them when they are offered.

The Three Year Midwifery program is set up as a three year program, with two six month terms per year. Students will take 150 clock hours per term, as dictated by the curriculum. Academic and clinical experiences are obtained concurrently, with the bulk of academic material front-loaded in the program, and the greatest clinical experience occurring in the last year. For working and commuting students classes will be held in blocks of 25-30 clock hours per month. Because of the flexibility of our classes, they will be scheduled around major holidays both secular and religious.

Enrollment is rolling with students starting with Term I each year.