

Graduate Studies at the Midwives College of Utah – FAST FACTS

Degree: Master of Science in Midwifery (MSM)

<u>Purpose</u>: The MCU graduate program is designed especially for midwives looking to advance their skills as midwifery leaders, educators, researchers, and advocates.

Institution: Midwives College of Utah (MCU), the largest MEAC-accredited school in the United States

<u>Campus</u>: Anywhere you are! We are a distance-learning program, which means you can continue to live and work where you are currently located while earning your degree through an interactive, online platform. We bring graduate education to you!

<u>Program Length</u>: 2 years on average (3 trimesters per academic year). 32 credits total. Full-time status of 4 – 6 credits/trimester minimum is required. Up to 4 years may be taken in order to accommodate individual progression and part-time students.

<u>Admission Requirements</u>: To be eligible for admission, a prospective student must: 1) hold a Bachelor's degree in any field; 2) complete SOSC 1010 (Equity & Anti-Oppression in Midwifery Care: Understanding Difference, Power & Privilege), SOSC 2050 (Ethics & the Law) and STAT 2010 (Principles of Evidence-Informed Practice), or demonstrate course equivalency. These three courses can be completed as part of your graduate program or in advance through MCU's continuing education program; and 3) must be or have been recognized as a midwife by regional, national or international certification or licensure. Traditional or community midwives without past or current proof of certification/licensure may choose to prepare a portfolio demonstrating the experiences and training they engaged to become a midwife. Midwife status must be established by your anticipated start date in the MSM program.

- If you are a midwife who does not hold a bachelor's degree, you must first obtain an undergraduate degree. You are welcome to apply to the CPM-to-BSM option at MCU;
- If you are not yet a midwife, check out our undergraduate degree options, which prepare you to successfully obtain the CPM credential and will allow you to meet all admission requirements for the MSM program

Benefits of the MSM & Post-Graduation Opportunities:

- Develop your RESEARCH fluency skills
 - \circ $\;$ Contribute to the advancement of midwifery and birth-related original research
 - o Expand evidence-informed care in your midwifery practice and in your community

- Become an EDUCATOR
 - Teach in higher-education institutions, midwifery programs, community-based agencies, and continuing education programs
 - Advance midwifery education, curricula development, and pedagogy on local, state, and national landscapes
- Position yourself as a midwifery LEADER & ADVOCATE
 - Enhance your skills in midwifery policymaking, advocacy, and programmatic design
 - Connect with leading entities and individuals in the Allied Midwifery Organizations

Our MSM program is research-based and is intended to nurture the next generation of midwifery leaders, educators, and advocates.

Application deadlines and FAQs can be found here: https://www.midwifery.edu/application-process/

<u>Cost-of Attendance can be found here: https://www.midwifery.edu/tuition/</u>

Your graduate studies will be individualized and substantive with plenty of support by graduate faculty and the MCU graduate student community. <u>Contact</u> Dr. Courtney Everson, Ph.D., Dean of Graduate Studies, at <u>graduatedean@midwifery.edu</u> or 1-866-680-2756, ext. 806 to discuss your future!

