



# MIDWIVES

## COLLEGE OF UTAH

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#### **Frequently Asked Questions about MCU Program Changes as of Fall Trimester 2016**

Q. How will these changes affect me if I enrolled before Fall Trimester 2016?

A. Generally, it won't change anything for students already enrolled. Students who are in a program (for ASM, BSM or MSM degrees) will finish their program as originally designed. Students who are already enrolled will notice a few changes around them as new students come into the new programs—the dates of conferences will change (see below), but classes, major maps and requirements are not going to change based on this change to our program offerings. The program you enrolled in is yours until you graduate or the program expires!

Q. My program can expire? When does that happen?

A. Yes, when you enroll in a program, it has an expiration date of 4-7 years after your enrollment date depending on the program you are in. If you are not sure of your program's expiration date, you can check with the Registrar.

Q. What if I want to change my program or Major Map?

A. If you want to change the class order within your Major Map, you can work with the Registrar to revise your Major Map during the designated adjustment period. If you want to change programs (from the ASM to the BSM, for example) then you will have your choice of enrolling in the new BSM program, but no new enrollments in the old ASM or BSM program will be accepted.

Q. What if I need to extend my program?

A. If you find that you need to extend your program (you're approaching your program expiration date and are not ready to graduate), you'll need to apply for a program extension, explaining why you're past your expiration date and how you intend to finish your program from that point. The Registrar will guide you in requesting a program extension.

Q. How will conferences change?

A. For new students, there will be Integrated Assessments offered as part of conferences. These will not be required of students who enrolled before Fall 2016.

The dates of conferences are held during trimester breaks at the end of Winter Trimester in April and at the end of Summer Trimester in August instead of March, June and October. For 2016, conference dates are April 18-23 and August 15-20.

Q. What are Integrated Assessments?

A. Integrated Assessments are required for students in the new BSM program at the end of phase 1, phase 2 and phase 3 and offer students the opportunity to demonstrate academic knowledge, clinical skills, the ability to analyze and navigate scenarios and implement client care and education. They will be offered at the end of each trimester during conference to accommodate students as they move through the program.

Q. Does that mean conferences are required now?

A. For students in the BSM program enrolling Fall 2016 or later, yes, students will be required to attend conference in Salt Lake City, Utah for their Integrated Assessments three times during their program. For students who enrolled in earlier programs, conferences will continue to be an optional part of their MCU experience. The cost of Integrated Assessments in Salt Lake City during MCU Student Conference is included in your COP. If there are enough students to hold an Integrated Assessment in your region, costs will be determined based on location and number being assessed.

Q. How will my friend's program, which is going to start in Fall 2016 Trimester, be different from the one I'm currently enrolled in?

A. First, new students, enrolling Fall 2016 and after, will have the option of a bachelor's or master's program. No new enrollments will be accepted in the associate's program after Winter 2016 Trimester. Second, the new bachelor's program will include some features and requirements that current students do not have, including Integrated Assessments and e-portfolios. The new program is based on the newest MEAC competencies, which include broader competencies and learning objectives than have been required before. This is part of the expansion and development of midwifery as a profession.