General Answers

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The program is considered blended. General education courses are offered online - That means that those classes can be complete in your timeframe as long as the course requirements are completed according to the course requirements. Core Midwifery classes meet on campus on specific days and at specific times.

For students who live within driving distance – 3 hours or less - that means the student is required to come to campus. For those students that live further than 3 hours from campus they are expected to be in class virtually. We currently use Webx as our virtual platform, which is like Skype.

First semester students attend class 2 full days a week, for the remaining semesters students attend one full day each week. Class usually starts at 9am and ends at 5 pm. with an hour break for lunch.

If you are coming into the classroom virtually you are required and it is expect that you think of this time as getting into the car and driving to campus - being actually in the classroom - that means no other distractions - children, answering phones, doing chores etc.

All virtual students are required to be on campus for 3 - 5 days twice a semester depending on the semester: Once at midterm and once at the end of the semester for skills, other testing and activities essential for student learning.

To look at what classes are required you can go to the Midwife program page and click on the "Curriculum & Costs" tab where you will find the curriculum by semester and related costs.

To start the program follow the Admission and Program Requirements under the “Requirements” tab on the program page.

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The program is 4 semesters including summers with an additional inclusion of a 5th semester for completion of clinical work.

Completion of All Midwife program clinical work needs to be accomplished within 10 years of original program registration.

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• Make an application and pay a $30 application fee. You can do that online by going to the home page of the school www.swtc.edu

• You will need to send official high school transcripts and any previous official college transcripts

• Unless you have a bachelor degree or higher, you will need to take an entrance exam. To start the process to that test please contact student services 608-822-2354.

• You will need to set up an interview with the academic program advisor. You can make that appointment as well by contacting student services. 608-822-2354

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Clinical Course Work
Clinical courses are designed to meet both NARM requirements and MANA Core Competencies.

SWTC Direct Entry Midwife program is MEAC Accredited.

Once a student is placed with a midwife preceptor the student is expected to match that preceptor’s schedule. The student should expect to be on call 24/7 throughout the program, this includes summers. The preceptor will inform the student of expected clinical hours and days. The student is expected to meet those expectations. Excuse from clinical hours/days will occur on a very limited, emergency basis.

You can expect that clinical placement maybe as far as 3 hours from your home.
It is the student’s responsibility to ensure reliable transportation and any associated costs to clinical placement (housing, gas, food etc).

**Students Accessing the Program Virtually**
We have a virtual platform for the Direct Entry Midwife Program for access.

*This is not considered an ‘at distant program’.*

There are some online classes that are part of the program. This is different than the virtual classes.

Online classes allow the student to work within the course requirements at their own convenience.

Virtual classes for program access are taught on specific days; at specific times. The virtual student is expected just as the student who drives to campus to be present during those assigned days and times.

If you are coming into the classroom via technology you are required and it is expected that the student thinks of this time as driving to campus, being actually in the classroom and leaving all other responsibilities behind - that means no other distractions - children, answering phones, doing chores etc.

Since you will be coming to campus virtually via your computer – you will need to be hardwired. That means your computer needs to be connected via a plug into the wall closest to your modem.

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**Students Outside of Wisconsin**
Southwest Direct Entry Midwife Program is designed to meet NARM requirements and MANA Core Competencies. The program incorporates the rules and regulations for Wisconsin Licensed Midwives (LM).

We do not teach to any other state requirements/rules and regulations other than Wisconsin.

You will be prepared to take the NARM exam upon successful completion of the program.
If you do not live in Wisconsin it is the student’s responsibility to understand if this program meets their state requirements for license. The student is responsible for understanding their particular state for licensing purposes.

Students located in Wisconsin, Florida, and Indiana will be placed with preceptors. The clinical coordinators for those states will communicate with the student regarding clinical placement.

Students from other states will need to obtain and verify a clinical preceptor prior to the start of the program.

Southwest Tech does not have established clinical coordinators and preceptors in other/every state. Because SWTC does not have established clinical preceptors in other states students who wish to use the virtual option for access to the program will need to find their own preceptors - at least 3 - for their clinical work / class components. These relationships will need to be in place with contracts signed prior to the start of the first semester of the program.

When thinking about who you would want to inquire about possibly being your preceptor (s) note that the preceptor midwife will need to have legal licensure and be recognized in her jurisdiction in the state she/he is working in.

**Students Who Have Been Apprenticing**

If you have signed clinical work - PEP paperwork – The program director will be glad to look at your signed paperwork and determine if you might have advanced placement. All signatures on PEP paperwork will need to be in place prior to review. If you are interested in this clinical competency evaluation you must first:

- Make an application and pay a $30 application fee. You can do that online by going to the home page of the school [www.swtc.edu](http://www.swtc.edu)

- You will need to send official high school transcripts and any previous official college transcripts.

- With your transcripts include your signed PEP paperwork from a NARM approved clinical preceptor

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Once evaluation has taken place determination of completion of clinical course work will be determined and you will be notified.

**Question from Students Who Were in Another Program**

Southwest Tech accepts transfer credits from other colleges and universities. To determine if credits will transfer you must first:

- Make Application and pay the $30 admission fee
- Have all high school and any college transcripts sent to SWTC
- Schedule an appointment with one of the program’s academic advisors. – that can be done by calling Student Services 608-822-2354.

**Students Who Are Interested in Transferring SWTC Credits to another Institution**

Southwest Tech has established relationships with various other colleges and universities. To find out which colleges and universities SWTC has established relationships go to SWTC Home Page [www.swtc.edu](http://www.swtc.edu)

Southwest Tech has entered into numerous post-secondary transfer agreements with area colleges and universities to support our graduates' continuing education. Students interested in transferring Midwife credits to other colleges or universities are **strongly encouraged** to check with the receiving institution first, prior to enrolling in coursework at Southwest Tech.

If you are interested in transferring SWTC credits you will need to check with the school you are interested in attending too see which credits will transfer. There is not a way for Southwest Tech to know that.
Questions Concerning Preparation for the Start of the Program
Be sure as you prepare for January that you have all other paperwork in place:

1. Physical exam with documented immunizations - you can find the form on the homepage for the college www.swtc.edu

2. A 2 step TB test – this needs to be done every year

3. Background Check - you can find the form on the homepage as well - there is a $15 dollar fee - this would be done in consideration of your home state. Jean Hennessey the Health Occupations Administrative Assistant can help you. 608-822-2470

4. Current Provider Health Care CPR and NRP - a copy of both cards will need to be submitted. Gin Reynolds can help you with this requirement. vreynolds@swtc.edu

Questions about Items Needed Prior to The Start of Clinical Coursework
In order to be Ok’s and placed in a clinical site the midwife student will need to

- Be successfully progressing through the first semester courses

- Attended a Doula Training Workshop and provide evidence of attendance

- Attended or in process of attendance of a series of In-hospital Birth Classes

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- Attended or in process of attending a series of La Leche League or other pre-approved breastfeeding classes.

- Have a Physical exam with documented immunizations on - you can find the form on the homepage for the college www.swtc.edu Gin Reynolds can help you with this. vreynolds@swtc.edu

- 2 step TB test from the last year on file – this needs to be done every year and documentation will need to be submitted vreynolds@swtc.edu

- Completed Background Check - you can find the form on the homepage as well - there is a $12 dollar fee - this would be done in consideration of your home state. Health Occupations Administrative Assistant can help you. jhennessey@swtc.edu
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- Current Provider Health Care CPR on file - a copy of the card will need to be submitted. Gin Reynolds can help you with this requirement. vreynolds@swtc.edu

- Current NRP certification on file - a copy of the card will need to be submitted. Virginia (Gin) Reynolds can help you with this requirement vreynolds@swtc.edu

Currently Certified and Practicing CPMs (Certified Professional Midwives)
At SWTC in addition to the Associate degree available for people wanting to meet NARM requirements, SWTC offers a Bridge tract for currently certified practicing CPMs to obtain their MEAC approved Associate Degree. Courses that are offered for the bridging CPM are online. Each course can be completed at the midwife’s pace within the specific outlined guidelines and requirements per course and semester dates.

What If I Have Previous College Credit?
Each midwife’s program might look at bit different if she/he has had previous college credit. Once you have made application, paid the $30 application and have sent your previous college transcripts. Student Services and the Academic Program Counselors will be able evaluate what credit(s) might transfer.

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Each midwife’s program might look at bit different depending on any previous college credit. If that is the case we should talk about how that might look for you. For the CPM who does not have previous college credit you can expect to have a program that you might complete in 1 year if attending full time.

First Steps for Application to the CPM Bridge Program:
- Make an application and pay a $30 application fee. You can do that online by going to the home page of the school www.swtc.edu
- You will need to send official high school transcripts and any previous official college transcripts
Send a copy of your current NARM certification for verification of your CPM credential.

Unless you have a bachelor degree or higher, you will need to take an entrance exam. To start the process to that test please contact student services 608-822-2354.

You will need to set up a phone interview with the academic program advisor. Our academic advisors can then help you to map out your personal plan. You can make that phone appointment by contacting student services 608-822-2354.

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**For Current Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) (only) Bridge Track Required Courses**

**First Semester (Spring)**

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Total: 6 Credits

**Second Semester (Fall)**

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<td>10-804-123</td>
<td>Math with Business Applications</td>
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10 – 809 – 166 Intro to Ethics: Theory and Applications
  3 credits
10 – 510 – 154 Midwife Research
  1 credit
10- 510 – 150 OB/Medication Management
  1 credit

11 Credits

Total Credit Hours for Bridging CPMs 28 Credits

**To obtain a degree a minimum of 17 credits are required even if with transfer credits**

** For Program courses for non-CPM students please reference the program curriculum

*** 2014-2015 School Year In-state Tuition per credit hour: $125.85

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