

POLICY ON CLINICAL EXPERIENCE SHORTFALLS

The Midwifery Regulatory Council is mandated to protect the public by ensuring that all registrants engaged in the clinical midwifery practice are safe, competent practitioners. An applicant seeking licensure for the clinical practice of midwifery must meet the requirements set out in the Act and Regulations Respecting Midwifery and have adequate clinical experience in all aspects of midwifery care.

A limited shortfall in the required numbers of clinical practice hours or births may be remedied through an appropriate plan for supervised practice approved by the Registrar. Experience in a specific aspect of midwifery care such as out of hospital birth may also be acquired in a period of supervised practice. (Please see MRC Policy on Supervised Practice)

Applicants with clinical experience shortfalls, who otherwise meet all criteria for entry in the roster, may be issued a provisional (clinical) licence when an appropriate plan for supervision is approved and in place. All conditions and requirements of a provisional license must be met within one year or less.

Significant gaps in clinical experience that have been identified in the registration application process will result in ineligibility for clinical licensure.