

MIDWIFERY REGULATORY COUNCIL OF NOVA SCOTIA

POLICY ON CONTINUING COMPETENCY IN EMERGENCY SKILLS

Registered midwives with an active practising (clinical) licence or a provisional (clinical) license must complete a course or program of assessment in emergency skills in obstetrics every three years. Proof of completion of an approved emergency skills course will be required for initial registration and annual renewal of registration.

The minimum required standard is successful completion of a course that covers emergency management in the following areas:

- Postpartum hemorrhage
- Shoulder dystocia
- Cord prolapse
- Undiagnosed breech
- Undiagnosed twins
- Fetal surveillance and wellbeing

Approved courses/assessment programs include:

- Emergency skills courses and assessments conducted as part of an approved Canadian university midwifery education program
- Ontario Association of Midwives or Canadian Association of Midwives Emergency Skills Workshop (ESW)
- Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada Advances in Labour and Risk Management (ALARM)
- Managing Obstetrical Risk Efficiently Program (MORE ^{OB})
- College of Family Physicians of Canada Advances in Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO)

All approved emergency skills courses must be delivered by certified instructors.

Midwives who are certified instructors in any of the above programs will be considered to have met this continuing competency requirement when proof is provided of:

- a) a current instructor's certificate; and
- b) teaching and conducting assessments in each of the emergency areas listed above in the preceding 36 months.

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