

# MIDWIFERY REGULATORY COUNCIL OF NOVA SCOTIA

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## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants seeking licensure for clinical midwifery practice must meet continuing competency requirements as set out in the Regulations Respecting Midwifery, section 12 (b):

- 1125 hours or attendance at 40 births in the clinical practice of midwifery in the 5 years immediately before their application for registration; or
- 450 hours or attendance at 12 births in the clinical practice of midwifery in the year before their application for registration.

The clinical practice of midwifery according to the Regulations, section 2 (1) (d), means the provision of antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum and newborn care as a primary care provider.<sup>1</sup>

The practice of midwifery as defined in the Act , section 2 (i), includes the provision of care either within or outside of a hospital setting.

The Midwifery Regulatory Council is mandated to protect the public by ensuring that all registrants engaged in clinical midwifery practice are safe, competent practitioners. To this end, the Registrar will ensure that an applicant seeking licensure for clinical practice has experience in the following areas:

- provision of the complete course of antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum and newborn care as a primary care provider; and
- primary responsibility for the management of labour and birth in both hospital and out-of-hospital settings.

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<sup>1</sup> As a primary care provider, the midwife has primary responsibility for clinical decisions and the management of maternal and newborn care within her scope of practice.

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