**General Student Questions:**

**Q. Where can I find descriptions of the curriculum?** Individual course descriptions and syllabi can be viewed via our [online resource platform](https://ncm.instructure.com/search/all_courses) and you can see the entire curriculum as an observer prior to enrollment for $50/year “[Try it Before you Buy It](https://www.midwiferycollege.edu/try-it-before-you-enroll)”

**Q. If the College is unable to contact me, or if I do not submit completed work for a period of nine consecutive months, without prior arrangement, will I will be withdrawn?** Yes, students and preceptors are required to send in trimesterly evaluations and work completed. Students must notify the college of time they intend to take off from study, and keep updated contact information on file with the College.

**Q. What is Satisfactory Academic or Clinical Progress?** Student progress must demonstrate that they will be able to complete their programs within the allotted timeframe (see trimesterly reporting requirements). Students who have not completed their program within 3 years, must submit a plan for completion to NCM demonstrating how they will complete the remaining program requirements within the remaining time. Students who have not submitted any work for nine consecutive months may be withdrawn from the program (see withdrawal policy).

**Q. What happens if I am enrolled beyond 2 years?**Students continuing beyond 2 years have to pay annual accreditation fees and follow a plan of completion.

**Q. What is a "Plan of Completion"?**Prior to enrolling in an NCM program, each student should work with their preceptor to make a plan of what academic courses and the number of births they will complete each trimester in order to complete the program in the desired amount of time.

**Q. Who is responsible for organizing and directing a student's studies and all attendant NCM paperwork?** The student.

**Q. What should I do in the case of any conflict or dispute with my preceptor?** Counseling and/or mediation services are available through the College contact [Marcy](mailto:marcya@midwiferycollege.org?subject=Counseling/Mediation%20Request).

**Q. Can I get Transfer Credit for the required courses I have completed at other universities or colleges?**Yes, for more information visit our [Transfer Credit](https://www.midwiferycollege.edu/transfer-credits-national-college-o) webpage.

**Q. What is the maximum amount of time I can take to complete the ASM or BSM program?** 5 years

**Q. Can I add/change preceptors during enrollment?** Yes, please ensure that the new preceptor submits a preceptor application to NCM (if they don’t have one on file with NCM already), and submit a contract with the preceptor. NCM will notify you of approval to work together prior to beginning work together.

**Q. How do I keep records of clinical experiences?** Students must record my clinical experiences on the NCM clinical record sheets, and the student’s presence at supervised clinical experiences must be noted in patient charts by name or initials, subject to audit. The preceptor must personally supervise, evaluate and sign off on all clinical experiences.

**Q. What should I do if I am not getting enough clinical experience?** If I desire more clinical experience I can request the College refer me to a high volume birth clinic.

**Q. Can I deduct the fees I pay the College from my personal income taxes?** NCM is not Title IV, and is NOT eligible to issue IRS forms 1098-T.

**Q. Is the degree I receive a Nursing degree?**No, there are different routes of entry to midwifery, the National College of Midwifery trains Direct Entry Midwives **not** Nurse Midwives.

**Q. Who directs me through my program?** The student receives a recommended course of study, is required to follow the general block system but determines with their preceptor the exact order of their course work. The entire program must be completed in 2-5 years. The student is the ultimate director of her or his own program.

**Q. Does the National College of Midwifery have a job placement program?** No, however we provide a [bulletin board](https://www.midwiferycollege.edu/bulletin-board-national-college-of-) and [self-employment information](https://www.midwiferycollege.edu/career-placement) to help you find employment as a midwife.

**Q. What are the laws regarding the practice of Midwifery in my state / Country?** The legal status of midwifery varies from state to state and country to country. It is the student's responsibility to know the laws in the state in which she or he will practice upon completion of the NCM program. State by state information and contact information for more information on each state can be found at <https://www.midwiferycollege.edu/dem-by-state>. It is highly recommended that the student contact the state licensing board directly for the most up to date information.

**Q. Does earning my ASM or BSM degree guarantee that I will be granted Licensure?** No, each student must investigate the steps and requirements she/he must take to become a CPM and/or gain licensure within the jurisdiction where they plan to practice. Please be aware that midwifery is illegal in some jurisdictions.

**Q. Will another college or university accept my NCM credits as transfer credits?** The National College of Midwifery is accredited by a small, private accrediting agency, the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council (MEAC), recognized by the US Department of Education. Most colleges and universities are accredited directly by the US Department of Education, through one of their five regional agencies. These schools only accept credits from schools with the same type of accreditation. If a student is planning to continue with another college or university, it is her or his responsibility to check with them if they will accept credit from NCM.

**Q. Will NCM accept transfer credits from other universities?** Yes, students must submit official transcripts for review by NCM-see [NCM's transfer credit policy](https://www.midwiferycollege.edu/transfer-credits-national-college-o).

**Q. Does California accept NCM's ASM Degree?** Yes, students planning to seek licensure in **California**must complete two additional courses, in Chemistry and Child Development, and additional Learning Objectives in anesthesia/analgesia, suturing and episiotomies.