**ASM Student Questions:**

**Q. How long do I have to complete the ASM program?** The ASM is a 3-year equivalent program, which can be completed from 2 to 5 years. If a student has not completed the program within 3 years, they must submit a plan for completion to NCM signed by their preceptor and self, and will be responsible for annual accreditation fees. The 5-year limit for completion of the degree includes any time taken on inactive status. Annual accreditation fees must be paid even during those years the student is on inactive status.

**Q. I’m enrolled in the ASM program. How much work will I have to complete each trimester?** See Chart Below or the ASM Plan of Completion

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| **Rate of Completion for 2, 3, or 5-Year Plans:** | | | |
|  | **2-year plan** | **3-year plan** | **5-year plan** |
| Number of Trimesters | 6 | 9 | 15 |
| Academic Credits to complete per trimester (There are approximately 62 courses with a Total 80 credits or 84 credits for California) | 14 to 15 Credits / Trimester | 9 to 10 Credits / Trimester | 5 to 6 Credits / Trimester |
| Births to complete per trimester (Total 55 births {10 Observes + 20 Assists + 25 Primaries} and all attendant clinicals) | 9 to 10 Births / Trimester | 6 to 7 Births / Trimester | 3 to 4 Births / Trimester |

**Q. When, what, and how do I submit paperwork to the College?** At the end of each trimester the student and preceptor must submit a progress report consisting of copies of the following (All submissions must be signed and dated by the supervising preceptor):

* Student-Preceptor Evaluation,
* Student Record with new grades,
* Clinical Record Forms,
* and updated MEAC Abbreviated NARM Skills form.  
  Trimester Dates:  
  Spring (SP): January 1 - April 30th    
  Summer (SU): May 1 - August 31.  
  Fall (FA): September 1 - December 31.

**Q. What are the**[**Clinical requirements**](https://www.midwiferycollege.edu/asm-clinical-requirements)**of the ASM program?** A. The Clinical Experience Requirements adhere to the requirements of the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) for graduates of a MEAC accredited School.

**Q. How fast can I complete the ASM program?** The minimum length of the ASM program is 2 years.

**Q. How many preceptors will I need in the ASM program?** The Student is required to have contracts with enough preceptors to complete all requirements. Preceptors can teach both academic and clinical portions of the program.  Please note that although only one preceptor is needed for the academics, at least two preceptors are required to complete the clinical portion of the program.

**Q. For the ASM program, do I have to complete all my clinicals at one site, under a single preceptor?** Clinicals can take place at a single site or a variety of sites under several preceptors. At least 2 preceptors are necessary to sign off some of the NARM Skills-NARM requires the signatures of *2*preceptors on 4 of the NARM Skills.

**Q. How do I apply for the NARM exam?** ASM Students must first obtain permission to test from NCM then apply directly to NARM to take the NARM Exam. For more information visit NCM’s page about [Graduation](https://www.midwiferycollege.edu/graduation).

**Q. Does the College's Administrative Fee cover my NARM or other licensure exam fees?** No, the student is responsible for these fees.