

College of Midwives of Manitoba

POLICY ON STUDENT REGISTRATION AND SUPERVISION

REGISTRATION

All students of midwifery in Manitoba must be registered with the College of Midwives of Manitoba (CMM) according to *The Midwifery Act* (C.C.S.M. c. M125)

To qualify as a student member a person must be enrolled in an education program or assessment and gap training program approved by the CMM. (See Appendix A and B for a list of approved education and gap training programs)

To register as a student a person must provide the CMM with the following:

- Confirmation of registration in an education or assessment and gap training program approved by the CMM;
- A completed registration form;
- Applicable fees.

Student registration will be terminated when:

- The student is eligible to register as a practising midwife; or
- The student is no longer enrolled in an approved education program; or
- The student is no longer enrolled in an approved assessment and gap training program.

SUPERVISION

A student midwife must always practice under the supervision of a registered midwife¹. The registered midwife providing supervision must only do so in a setting/settings in which they are authorized to practice independently. The registered midwife providing supervision must also ensure that the liability insurance they hold covers the student.

The supervising midwife is fully responsible for all clinical care provided by the student whether the midwife is providing direct or indirect supervision.

The supervising midwife is responsible for co-signing all entries made by the student into the client's chart.

As part of informed choice discussions, the CMM expects that the client's permission is obtained to allow for any student involvement.

It is the responsibility of the supervising midwife to ensure that the student is adequately supervised according to the student's level of competence. The supervising midwife will ensure that the following minimum supervision is met:

¹ unless doing a placement with another regulated healthcare professional as per the parameters of their approved midwifery education /gap training program

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- A registered practising midwife must be present for any postpartum visit in the first three days postpartum as well as for the final discharge visit.
- A student midwife shall not attend more than one postpartum visit in a row with the same client without a supervising midwife present.
- A student midwife shall not attend more than one prenatal visit in a row with the same client without a supervising midwife on the premises.
- A registered practising midwife must always be immediately available by phone.
- A student midwife shall not attend a woman in labour without a registered practising midwife present.
- A student midwife must communicate any abnormal findings to a supervising midwife immediately.