

# University of Cincinnati Nurse-Midwifery Program

## Core Values, Mission, Philosophy, and Goals

**Core Values:** Collaboration, Accountability, Integrity, Respect, Excellence

**Mission/Purpose:** Develop nurse-midwifery leaders who are empowered to generate, explore, and apply nursing and midwifery knowledge for evolving health care environments.

### Program Philosophy:

The Faculty of the Program value and believe that:

- All persons possess inherent dignity, worth and autonomy.
- Diversity of students and faculty enhances personal and professional growth for midwives and student midwives in their care for all women.
- By leveraging technology and innovation, faculty can better prepare students to seamlessly transition to the workplace and create solutions that improve and transform care of women and newborns.
- All persons have the right for accessible quality health care to seek their highest level of wellness.
- Health care should be equitable and occur in a participatory, informed relationship with the health care system.
- The physiological, psychological, emotional, and spiritual processes of women's lives are an integrated whole, pregnancy and birth are normal processes. These processes benefit from education, holistic continuity of care, supportive interventions and non-intervention in normal processes, grounded in science and tempered by a humanistic approach.
- Nurse-Midwifery care is woman-centered care, which occurs within the context of her family and community, with respect for cultural values and personal preferences.
- Nurse-Midwives provide optimum women's health care, functioning independently and interdependently within a multidisciplinary health care team, utilizing skills, knowledge, judgment and continuity of care appropriate to the client's needs.
- Nurse-Midwives are prepared for and will assume leadership roles as clinicians, researchers, educators, and administrators in women's health care.
- Nurse-Midwives assume responsibility for their continued professional growth as nurse-midwives, professional accountability and participation in nurse-midwifery education.
- Nurse-midwifery education, as well as practice, is a creative, responsive process, grounded on principles of the adult learner, within a program that provides a safe learning environment, encourages feminist communication and mutual respect, and honors both the art and science of nurse-midwifery.
- The *ACNM Core Competencies for Basic Midwifery Practice* are guiding principles in the nurse-midwifery education program curriculum.

### Program Objectives/Goals:

1. Integrate theoretical perspectives from nursing science and related sciences as a framework for planning holistic care to enhance, modify, or support the health patterns of client systems in various environmental contexts.
2. Demonstrate competence in providing and evaluating nurse-midwifery practice with an emphasis on safety and quality.
3. Demonstrate leadership for nurse-midwifery practice as a member of an interprofessional team within various environmental contexts.
4. Apply evidence-based clinical prevention and population care and services to individuals, families, and/or communities.
5. Critically appraise evidence in the planning, delivery and evaluation of safe and effective care within various environmental contexts.
6. Demonstrate knowledge and skills that promote access to equitable health for all individuals and help shape the health delivery system through policy, processes and advocacy.
7. Develop culturally sensitive, ethical, and financially sound comprehensive nurse-midwifery care to individuals, aggregates, and/or communities.
8. Demonstrate professional roles to operationalize standards of care and to influence reasoned change in nurse-midwifery practice.
9. Analyze implications of legal, ethical, and financial accountability from the perspective of nurse-midwifery practice and within various environmental contexts.
10. Exhibit a commitment to excellence in nursing/nurse-midwifery practice in order to advance the disciplines of nursing and midwifery.