

TEMPLATE WEBSITE CONTENT FOR PRACTICES

We are a Teaching Practice [link to client information on MEP website re: student role in client care OR add to practice website - see page 2 below]

What does it mean to have a student involved in your care? [ADD links to MEP and IMPP websites]

Welcome Students [link to student information]

[PRACTICE NAME] is a teaching practice affiliated with [UNIVERSITY NAME]. We welcome students from the Midwifery Education Program, the International Midwifery Preregistration Program, and interprofessional programs. Please explore this web site to learn more about us. Here are a few quick facts that you may wish to know about our practice if you are considering requesting a placement in our region.

Our clinic is located at [ADDRESS]

We work at [HOSPITAL NAMES]

Our catchment area includes [ADD DETAILS RE CATCHMENT]

We prefer students to live [IN OUR CATCHMENT AREA; WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF OUR HOSPITAL OR CLINIC]

About [XX]% of our births are planned home, [XX]% are planned birth centre and [XX]% are planned hospital births. Our transfer of care rate is about [XX]%.

Our scope of practice [INCLUDES/DOES NOT] include primary care for induction, augmentation and epidural.

We generally offer [XX] placements for junior students and [XX] spots for senior students

We normally have [TWO ROTATING] New Registrant positions

[ADD re MODEL OF PRACTICE/HOW THE STUDENT FOLLOWS MIDWIVES AND CLIENTS]

[ADD ANYTHING ELSE THAT MAKES YOUR PRACTICE/COMMUNITY SPECIAL] e.g. clientele served, characteristics of practice or local community or neighbourhood, public transit, parking, cost of living

[ADD PHILOSOPHY OF TEACHING AND LEARNING]

We are a teaching practice because we love teaching and have a strong commitment to the growth of midwifery in Ontario and Canada. We pride ourselves on including, supporting and mentoring students and work closely with the MEP and IMPP to offer quality placements with active teaching, student workload and time off and study time in accord with MEP policies. We believe clinical learning is the heart of midwifery education.

CLIENT INFORMATION - Adapted from MEP Brochure

[For use on RU and practice websites. Practices can use this information or link to RU MEP website.]

Thanks for including a midwifery student/student in your care!

Clients are important teachers for midwifery students. Inviting a student to be part of your team should make your care even better.

Interprofessional students

Our practice occasionally has medical, nursing or other health and social service students learning from our midwives. Please also welcome them - it is so valuable to improve interprofessional understanding about the role of midwives.

About the Toronto Metropolitan University Midwifery Education Program

Began in 1993 as part of a consortium with Laurentian and McMaster Universities. [link to LU and MU MEP websites]

The program is 4 years long and graduates have a Bachelor of Health Sciences in Midwifery (BHSc).

Graduates register to practice in Ontario with the College of Midwives of Ontario.

Introduction to Midwifery Year 1

Midwifery clients may meet with students who are in their first year of the program. Students benefit from a variety of experiences, such as meeting clients at clinic appointments and coming to births in an observer or supporter role.

Midwifery Placement Year 2

In this four month placement, the student learns how to provide care during pregnancy, labour, birth and after the birth. The midwife teacher is always with the student or close at hand. The student learns how to perform clinical skills and provide information. The midwife teacher shows the student how to provide support and monitoring during labour and how to catch a baby. By the end of term the student can do most normal care with little supervision.

Midwifery Placement Year 3

Third year students spend two terms in a variety of interprofessional and community placements, including with an obstetrician, labour floor nurse and lactation consultant. This year can include one month at a midwifery practice and placements in rural, remote or international settings. There are also students placed at the Toronto Birth Centre who you will meet if you have your baby there.

Midwifery Placement Year 4

In the first term of the final year, the student acts more and more as the midwife, but always has the midwife teacher nearby. As the year progresses, students can do most client and baby care with the midwife teacher closely available during labour or available by phone for postpartum visits.

In the last term, called Clerkship, the student can give all of the care from the beginning of the pregnancy, during labour and birth, and after the birth for the client and newborn. The student will be

the midwife, but the midwife teacher is always nearby in labour or available by phone for postnatal care.

What are the benefits of having a student?

The student will give labour support, information and extra time.

The student will be an extra pair of helping hands so that there is more time to spend with you.

Will my midwife still care for me?

A midwife teacher will always be present or nearby when you are with the student.

Will the student be at all of my visits?

The student will be at as many of your visits as possible so you can get to know each other.

Will the student be at my birth? What will the student be doing?

The student will usually be at your birth. They may be helping to take care of you, or may catch your baby. The midwife teacher will show the student how to care for you and your baby.

What if the student doesn't know how to do something?

The student will say they don't know and will ask the midwife teacher for help.

Do I have to have a student?

Your midwife will suggest that you meet the student and see how you feel about having a student involved. If or how the student is involved is always your choice.

I'm happy to have a student. What can I do to help?

Tell the student what you like and don't like about their care. You are helping the student to learn.

What clients say about the experience of including a student?

"I think it is wonderful that students are given hands on opportunities with experienced midwives"

"We were very comfortable having the student be our primary care giver. We felt the student had enough knowledge to serve us"

"Our student was exceptional and contributed greatly to the whole birthing experience. We were grateful for the help."

"The student was amazing. I hope the same student can be just as involved in my next pregnancy, maybe as my midwife!"

Thank you for helping the next generation of midwives.