



CORPUS CHRISTI BIRTH CENTER

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Apprenticeship Inquiry Form

This form is for letting CCBC know you have an interest in a possible apprenticeship. It is not an agreement. Therefore, students are under no obligation to CCBC because they submitted this Inquiry Form. But this form is a required step in the process. We desire to find students who will most likely be a good fit for our practice. By taking the time to answer these questions, it usually saves lots of time in the long run because it helps us find the students who might fit our practice best. If we do decide that you might be a good fit for our practice, we will contact you and offer you a possible apprenticeship agreement, but you will be under no obligation until you agree to our offer.

Completed inquiries may be FAXED to 361.336.0212

Or sent by e-mail to ccbirthcenter@gmail.com (please put "Apprenticeship Inquiry" in the subject header)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Preferred Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Is your preferred phone a cell? _____ Can you receive text messages? _____

Marital Status _____ Children's ages _____

Please answer the following questions. Please note that the only "right" answer to the following questions is a truthful and honest one. We recognize that students may hold different opinions on some topics or might not

have formulated opinions on other topics. Your answers will help us get to know you better. Your open and honest answers will help us determine if you might be a good fit in our practice and give us an idea if you will be happy working with us. We recognize that not everyone will be a good fit with us and that's okay too. We still wish you the best in finding a preceptor who fits you better. We also are not necessarily looking for a "perfect match" nor do we expect you to agree with us 100% on every topic. But we do know from experience that students who fit better, will be more likely to be happy, and have a more positive learning and work experience while with us.

Please copy the questions and number them when you answer. You will need to create a new document to answer because there is not enough space under each question to answer on this form.

Please include a recent photo of yourself and at least two personal references along with the completed inquiry form. If you have ever worked with or shadowed another midwife (midwives), please include her name(s) and contact information.

1. Why do you want to become a midwife?
2. Why do you want to be an apprentice at the Corpus Christi Birth Center?
3. What is your educational background?
4. Are you currently enrolled in an academic program? Do you plan to enroll in an academic program? Which one? If not, what are your plans?
5. Have you had any experience working with pregnant or birthing women, i.e. childbirth educator, La Leche League Leader, WIC counselor?
6. Have you attended births in any capacity? Please elaborate.
7. Do you have any family or other responsibilities that would limit your availability as an apprentice?
8. Please explain how you see yourself dealing with being told what to do by someone who has authority over you.
9. Now explain how you see yourself handling a disagreement with someone in authority over you.
10. Do you have any physical conditions such as severe menstrual cramps, allergies, hypoglycemia, etc., which might limit your ability to work at full capacity?
11. At times, the demands of midwifery as an apprentice can be overwhelming. Please describe how you handle stress in your life. Give an example.

12. Tell us about your plans for midwifery, including where you would like to practice. For example, do you see yourself working in a birth center, opening a birth center, or being a homebirth midwife or a combination or something different? Do you want to work alone or in a group or partnership?
13. Would you have any interest in being offered a staff position at CCBC upon completion of your apprenticeship?
14. Are you fluent in any other language(s) besides English?
15. Are you sure you will always have a dependable car available?
16. Do you own a reliable cell phone?
17. Please indicate on a scale of 1-10 where you would consider yourself as an extrovert or an introvert using 1 as an extreme introvert and 10 as an extreme extrovert (*no right or wrong answer, we just want to know how you see yourself*).
18. What was your placement within your own family? Among siblings, were you the oldest, youngest, middle or an only child? Or perhaps your situation was unique. Please tell us.
19. Do you have the financial resources available to you to cover the costs of your training and the ability to live without a regular paycheck for the duration of your stay with us?
20. What other commitments do you have in your life that you must consider when considering an apprenticeship?
21. Tell me about your family. (husband, children, grandchildren)
22. What spiritual orientation do you have (if any)?
23. Are you affiliated with any church or religious organization? Would your affiliation have effect on your apprenticeship and/or future work as a midwife? (*For example: are you restricted from working on certain days or working with certain people?*)
24. How will your personal convictions influence the way you relate to patients of like and different beliefs from your own?
25. Are you ready to be on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including family birthdays and holidays? If not, what are your expectations or desires regarding time off?
26. Do you use any social (recreational) drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, or prescription medications?

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33. Do you use any social (recreational) drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, or prescription medications?
34. If you personally get a cold, have a headache or a stomach virus, how do you deal with it?
35. What contributions do you see yourself making to the birth center during your apprenticeship? How will you be an asset to the birth center and the midwives during your time as an apprentice?
36. Describe the qualities you like best about yourself.
37. What do you feel are your weaknesses?
38. Do you have any skills you would like for us to know about, such as computer skills, typing, teaching, cleaning, organizing, etc.?
39. What are your hobbies?
40. If you have ever begun an apprenticeship with someone else, who was (were) your preceptor(s) and why didn't you complete the apprenticeship?
41. If you are accepted as an apprentice, will you provide your own housing or need assistance finding low cost housing with us or someone else?
42. Do you have any expectations of how long your schooling and apprenticeship will take? Do your goals include a time frame for when you expect to become a midwife? Please explain.

43. Do you have any children still living at home? What are their ages? What are your arrangements for them while you attend prenatal and workdays? What arrangements do you have for them to be cared for when you are called out for a birth? What is your back up plan to this arrangement?
44. If you are married, please tell me how your spouse feels about your decision to become a midwife. Is he supportive, reluctant, or just doesn't care either way? (Please take your time and answer this question thoroughly.)
45. Please tell us what you think about "Right to Life" vs "Pro-Choice." Where do you stand on this issue? How would you deal with patients who have a history of abortion in their past?
46. What are your thoughts on the Biblical model of marriage and family?
47. What are your thoughts on gender identity and same sex partnerships or marriage?
48. What are your thoughts on infant circumcision?
49. What are your thoughts about vaccinations? And about the idea of mandatory vaccines?
50. Are you more interested in a temporary or full-time position?

If you are unmarried, please answer the following additional question(s)?

51. Are you currently involved in a relationship? If so, please explain and is this person supportive of your plans to become a midwife? Do you have plans to marry and if so will marriage change your plans in any way? If not in a relationship, are you looking for a serious relationship or a husband and how do you see such a relationship fitting into your plans to become a midwife? Please take your time and answer this question thoroughly and honestly. There is no right or wrong answer. We just want an honest answer.

Please send a photo of yourself and at least two references from former preceptors, midwives, or employees.

If you have any questions, please call one the numbers listed on the front of this form.

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