

American Midwifery Certification Board
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Greetings!

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Exam Program of the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB). Your interest in volunteering to ensure the continued quality of practitioners in your profession is to be commended.

You will be asked to indicate the activities of interest to you as well as your willingness to travel to committee meetings. There are three primary types of exam program activities: initial item writing, item validation or review, and exam construction. Please note that most activities can be performed at home and that travel is not obligatory, except for exam construction which requires at least one 3 1/2 day trip per year. Travel expenses are paid by AMCB.

Please complete the following forms:

- 1) Exam Application.
- 2) Exam Program Activities: Indicate which exam program activities are of interest to you and are feasible given your other life commitments.
- 3) Item Writing and Review Preferences: Indicate your preferred content areas for writing and reviewing items.

Kindly also: 1) enclose a current resume or CV, 2) provide the names and contact information for three professional references, and 3) feel free to attach a letter or statement of interest. References will be asked to attest to your ability to contribute to the exam program as well as abide by its security requirements.

Please return all items to:

Denise Smith
Exam Committee Secretary
American Midwifery Certification Board
849 International Drive, Suite 205
Linthicum, MD 21090

Thank you again for your interest in this most important mission. Please feel to contact me if you have any questions or if I can help in any way. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Carrie D. Bright
Executive Director

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EXAM PROGRAM APPLICATION

PLEASE print clearly.

Name _____

Address (home) _____

Telephone (home) _____ (work) _____

E-mail: _____ FAX _____

Basic Midwifery/Nurse-Midwifery Program: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Date of Certification by ACNM or AMCB: _____

Credential awarded: _____CNM _____CM

Highest Academic Degree: ___Baccalaureate ___Masters ___Doctorate

A.C.N.M. Membership status: _____Region

____Active ____Associate ____Student ____Life ____Not applicable

Have you ever been convicted of a felony in any state or jurisdiction of the U.S. or its territories, and/or has your health professional license (current or prior) ever been limited, suspended, or revoked in any state or jurisdiction of the U.S. or its territories, and/or are you currently under investigation, or have you ever been disciplined or convicted for the past or current unauthorized practice of professional midwifery?

____No ____Yes **If yes, attach documentation**

To help ensure that the participants in AMCB's Exam Program reflect the composition of the profession, please provide the following information:

WORK SETTING (Check All Which Apply)

Office/Clinic Work Only ____

Hospital Practice ____

Birthing Center Practice ____

Home Birth Practice ____

Years of Clinical Experience: _____

PRIMARY AREAS OF CLINICAL PRACTICE (Check All Which Apply)

Full Scope _____

Antepartum _____

Intrapartum _____

Postpartum _____

Gyn _____

Primary Care _____

Care of the Neonate _____

ACADEMIC FACULTY

Are you currently on the academic faculty of a midwifery program? _____ (Yes/No)

Please specify the program: _____

Briefly describe your role as a faculty member (clinical faculty from institution, full-time faculty, etc.):

DEMOGRAPHICS: To Ensure Proper Representation

Gender: _____

Race: _____

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EXAM PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Please indicate which of the following are responsibilities are compatible with your interest and available time for participation:

- _____ 1. **Service on the AMCB Item Writing Committee**
Write draft multiple choice questions. Generally you will be asked to write 10 - 15 items which address needed content areas. Each item should be supported by 2 recent references. As much as possible, your assignment will be within the areas of interest you have outlined, however, you may be requested on occasion to formulate items for other content areas. This activity is performed at home and could occur 1 - 3 times a year.
- _____ 2. **Service on the AMCB Item Review Committee**
Activity as an item reviewer/validator, which is normally performed at home, requires you to review, edit questions, and/or find 2 current references which support each exam question. You need to look at all distractors (incorrect options) to determine if any are ambiguous or potentially correct and propose needed changes. The time commitment depends on your familiarity with the literature and the content area. As much as possible, your assignment will be within your indicated areas of interest. However, on occasion you may be asked to validate items from other content areas. You may be sent items 1 - 3 times a year.
- _____ 3. **Service on the AMCB Exam Construction Committee**
- a. Review a draft of an exam. You would be expected to “take” the exam (answer sheet is provided) to identify any items which seem to be ambiguous or for which the content seems inaccurate. This exercise generally requires 2 - 4 hours, is performed at home, and could occur 1 - 3 times a year.
 - b. Participate in post-exam conference calls. You would be sent a copy of the exam, as well as a copy of candidate comments and a summary of exam performance for each item. You would be expected to review items which did not perform well statistically or those for which candidates seemed to indicate valid concerns. This activity, which is performed at home, requires 1 - 3 hours preparation time plus the ability to participate in a 1 - 3 hour conference call during which the findings are discussed.
 - c. Attend at least one 3 ½ day meeting in Maryland per year. During the meeting you will be expected to assist with editing of exam questions, writing new questions for selected content areas, and determining through group consensus a score for each item which acknowledges the sophistication of each of the item’s distractors.

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ITEM WRITING AND REVIEW PREFERENCES

Name _____

Date _____

(Please print)

Please check off the boxes to indicate your preferred content areas for item writing and/or review. If you prefer, you can prioritize them by writing numbers.

| | <u>Prefer</u> | <u>Can do in a pinch</u> | <u>Cannot do</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Antepartum | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Intrapartum | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Postpartum | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Newborn | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Family planning | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gynecology | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Primary care | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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