# Master of Science Midwifery Studies

Information Session



### FACULTY PROFILE



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"Midwifery blends the art and science of caring for people and our world. Human touch, relationship, honesty, skill and critical thinking are knit together in the colorful tapestry that is each midwife's life."



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### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Midwifery Institute at Jefferson offers intimate, innovative programs. Our online community provides engaging graduate study with periodic on-campus gatherings for simulation. Our graduates are clinicians, creative thinkers, and leaders ready to make a world of difference.

#### **CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS**

The Midwifery Institute at Jefferson

Master of Science

Two or three year progression

Multiple offerings

MS, post-Masters certificate, refresher

Accelerated BSN + MS Midwifery

CM or CNM pathway

American Midwifery Certification Board Eligible (CNM/CM)

Option to continue into Doctorate in Midwifery

#### **CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS**

The Midwifery Institute at Jefferson

Small classes

Supportive & accomplished faculty

Health Policy

**Professional Issues** 

Project-based service-learning

American Midwifery Certification Board Eligible (CNM/CM)
Option to continue into Doctorate in Midwifery

93%

90%

Dartmouth-Hitchcock, NH
Maine General Health, ME
Bundle Borne Midwifery, TX
Christiana Health, DE
University of Maryland, MD
North County Health, CA
Willowsong Midwifery, IA
Geisinger Health, PA
Pennsylvania Hospital, PA
UPMC-Magee Womens, PA
Southwest Care Clinics, OK





# The Midwifery Institute at Jefferson

Clinical education

Interprofessional education

On campus intensives

Office skills

Birth skills

Local and distant clinical sites





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### Dana B. Perlman, DNP, CNM, FACNM

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### Certified Nurse-Midwife/Certified Midwife

#### **OUTLOOK**

Employment projected to "grow 26 percent from 2018 to 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations."



#### STUDENT PROFILE



### Megan Johncox, CNM, MS

ROCHESTER, NY CLASS OF 2020

As a second-career nurse with a background in community organizing, I chose the Midwifery Institute at Jefferson because of its tremendous reputation in the Rochester community. Many midwives I was connected to were graduates of the program. Potential preceptors praised Jefferson students for being very well prepared during their clinical training.

"After beginning my studies, I realized just what an important force Jefferson's midwifery programs are for the larger midwifery community."

Through my education at Jefferson, I've been able to honor my past as a community organizer and do it in a way that makes the joyous parts of the profession even more joyful, and the heavy parts a little bit lighter.



# Megan Johncox, RN

ROCHESTER, NY CLASS OF 2020

Jefferson faculty members are continually identifying ways to advance the profession, and Jefferson proudly offers both CNM and CM pathways, something that many other programs do not offer. It is the way Jefferson's midwifery education programs grow and adapt to not only meet the individual needs of students, but the larger healthcare needs of the community that makes me proud to be a Jefferson grad!

"Serving as the student representative to the board of the American College of Nurse-Midwives has been a deeply meaningful co-curricular leadership experience. My faculty have been extremely supportive."

Despite it taking nearly a decade for me to find my path to midwifery, choosing to become a midwife was an easy decision. From the moment I witnessed my first birth, I knew that I had to be involved in some way, and I felt as though there would be no greater privilege than holding space for birthing people and their families. Although the road to becoming a midwife might seem long or require many different stops along the way, I've come to learn that it is only enriched by having these life experiences.







# Tanya Tringali, MS, CNM

MOTHER WIT MATERNITY & CONSULTING, OWNER NEW ORLEANS, LA CLASS OF 2007

Tanya initially chose the Midwifery Institute because she wanted to play an active role in crafting her education, including participation in selecting a clinical site, in a way that only the Midwifery Institute could offer.

"I felt cared for from the moment of my first inquiry. This feeling persisted throughout the entire program, to graduation and beyond."

At the Midwifery Institute at Jefferson, Tanya says, "I was able to focus on my weaknesses and build on my strengths to become the midwife that I wanted to be."







## Marian Seliquini, MS, CM

STAFF MIDWIFE CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON, NY CLASS OF 2014

The Midwifery Institute offered the high-quality, direct, pathway to rigorous midwifery education that Marian was seeking.

"I was absolutely prepared for clinicals and for my first job, earning the 'Provider of the Year' award."

Prior to midwifery, Marian earned a bachelors degree in women's studies with a minor in Russian. She gained experience as a doula, childbirth educator, and herbalist. Today, Marian provides full-scope midwifery care from adolescence to post-menopause, holding hospital privileges and prescriptive authority. Marian serves on the Board of New York Midwives and chairs a committee at the American College of Nurse-Midwives.





## Ebony Marcelle, MS, CNM

DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY OF HOPE WASHINGTON, D.C. CLASS OF 2007

Ebony Marcelle is a national figure in midwifery. She has earned the Kitty Ernst Award, affectionately known as the 'young whippersnapper' award from the American College of Nurse-Midwives and the Real Award for midwifery from Save the Children.

"My education at the Midwifery Institute prepared me to lead. From physiology to health policy, the curriculum is rich in real-world pearls of wisdom."

Ebony currently serves on the following boards: March for Moms, National Association for the Advancement of Black Birth, and is a collaborator with Black Mamas Matter. Most recently she was appointed to Washington D.C.'s Inaugural Maternal Mortality Review Committee.



# Admissions Information



# Requirements to Apply

 All applicants: bachelor's degree from regionally accredited institutions (may be in progress when applying)

GPA minimum: 3.0



### **ADMISSIONS INFORMATION**

# Prerequisites

- CM Pathway applicants (non nurses):
  - Anatomy & Physiology I and II with labs
  - General Biology
  - Microbiology
  - General Chemistry
  - Pathophysiology
  - Nutrition
  - Sociology
  - General or Abnormal Psychology
  - Life Span or Developmental Psychology
  - Statistics

#### Applicants with nursing background:

- RN license (can be in progress when applying)
- Statistics

#### Notes on prerequisites

- Should be completed within 10 years (5 years for A&P and Pathophysiology)
- Courses should be completed with grade of C or better
- Current work experience may be considered to satisfy prerequisites at the discretion of the department



# Application Requirements Checklist

- Online Application via MyJefferson: my.jefferson.edu/apply
- Official transcripts from all college/universities attended
- Two letters of recommendation
- Personal statement addressing interest in midwifery
- Academic Writing Sample or GRE scores
- RN licensee (if applicable)
- English language proficiency (if applicable)



### Application deadlines

- Spring term
  - Priority application deadline: October 1st
  - Final application deadline: December 1st
- Fall term
  - Priority application deadline: March 1st
  - Final application deadline: August 1st
- We recommend applying early, completed applications are reviewed on a rolling basis
- Applicants will be invited to interview

### Tuition & Financial Aid

Current tuition and fees are available at:

www.jefferson.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid/tuition-information.html

To apply for financial aid:

- File the FAFSA using Thomas Jefferson University's FAFSA code (013549)
- Contact the Financial Aid Office (Center City campus) with any questions:

financial.aid@jefferson.edu or 215-955-2867





### Office of Admissions

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