

## **Philosophy of the Georgia College Nurse Midwifery Specialty**

### **OUR COMMITMENT TO THE PROFESSION**

We believe that midwives exemplify excellence in the care of women and families by providing safe, supportive, economical care that is supported by evidence. We believe that midwifery is the optimal model of care for women because it is based on a holistic, family-centered approach that views women's life cycle events from a perspective of normalcy. The practice of midwifery should be based on a model of health promotion and collaborative practice that embraces the unique contributions that each health profession provides in the care of women and their families. We believe that midwives are in a position to be the change agents in transforming healthcare in our local and global communities to improve the well-being of all individuals that we care for.

### **COMMITMENT TO LEARNING AND TEACHING**

The midwifery faculty are committed to educating our students by being strong role models that value diversity and inclusion by creating a welcoming community and environment for all. We believe in providing student centered learning that allows students to share in decisions and encourages them to develop their capacity to lead. Midwifery faculty affirm the need to provide a wide variety of educational pedagogies to support distinct learning needs, interests, aspirations, or cultural backgrounds of individual students. We support the need for faculty practice and are dedicated to being exceptional practitioners and educators who demonstrate the commitment to life-long learning.

### **COMMITMENT OF THE MIDWIFERY COMMUNITY**

We are committed to providing accessible and supportive education to diverse individuals from rural and medically underserved Georgia who are committed to living and working in their communities. We believe that educating midwives in their home communities will enhance the ability to improved maternal outcomes in these communities experiencing healthcare shortages. We strive to provide support for midwives and other healthcare providers who are living and working in these critical shortage areas of Georgia.

### **COMMITMENT TO ETHICAL AND JUST ACTION**

GC midwifery faculty believe that excellent care is rooted in the core principals of integrity and ethics and that confronting and addressing institutional biases both in the educational and healthcare environment must be a guiding principal for our program.

## **Mission of the Georgia College Nurse Midwifery Specialty**

In concert with the Georgia College liberal arts mission are committed to the formation of nurse leaders to engage in evidence-based practice, lifelong learning, and civic participation in a health information intensive environment through the development and mastery of clinical reasoning, professional nursing skills, and values in the practice of full-scope midwifery care to women and their families.

## Outcomes of the Georgia College Nurse Midwifery Specialty

The Nurse-Midwifery faculty, of the Georgia College of Nursing, are committed to prepare the next generation of highly competent, inquisitive, and caring nurse-midwives capable of demonstrating the following by

Integrate liberal arts foundation with scholarly inquiry and client values as a basis for problem solving.

Demonstrate leadership in the advanced specialty (nurse midwifery) role through legal and ethical decision-making, accountability, and a commitment to quality improvement and safety.

Demonstrate informatics and healthcare technology competencies to enhance outcomes for clients and populations.

Advocate for ethical policies that promote access, equity, quality, and cost effectiveness.

Collaborate within nursing and interprofessional teams to improve client and population health.

Demonstrate the competencies associated with the nurse midwifery role within the scope of practice as defined by ACNM.