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IV.A.2. The proposed midwifery program’s purpose/mission and objectives/outcomes will be clearly stated and will be consistent with the proposed midwifery program philosophy.

The GC Midwifery Philosophy/Midwifery Mission and Midwifery Outcomes are clearly stated below. Consistency of the statements are highlighted with similar colors.

Table IV. A.2

GC Midwifery Philosophy	GC Midwifery Mission	GC Midwifery Outcomes
<p><b>OUR COMMITMENT TO THE PROFESSION:</b>                      We believe that midwives exemplify excellence in the care of women and families by providing <b>safe, supportive, economical care</b> that is <b>supported by evidence</b>. We believe that midwifery is the optimal model of care for women because it is based on a <b>holistic, family-centered approach that views women’s life cycle events from a perspective of normalcy</b>. The practice of midwifery should be based on a <b>model of health promotion</b> and <b>collaborative practice that embraces the unique contributions that each health profession provides in the care of women and their families</b>. We believe that midwives are in a position to be the change agents in <b>transforming healthcare in our local and global communities to improve the well-being of all individuals that we care for</b>.</p> <p><b>COMMITMENT OF THE MIDWIFERY COMMUNITY :</b></p>	<p>In concert with the Georgia College liberal arts mission, the School of Nursing is committed to the formation of nurse leaders to <b>engage in evidence-based practice</b>, lifelong learning, and civic <b>participation in a health information intensive environment through the development and mastery of clinical reasoning, professional nursing skills</b>, and values. The Nurse Midwifery program prepares nursing professionals to <b>fulfill midwifery roles</b> serving women, families and communities in rural and underserved areas.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Integrate liberal arts foundation with scholarly inquiry and client values as a basis for midwifery problem solving.</b></li> <li>2. <b>Demonstrate leadership in the advanced specialty role (nurse midwifery) through legal and ethical decision making, accountability, and a commitment to quality improvement and safety.</b></li> <li>3. <b>Demonstrate informatics and healthcare technology competencies to enhance outcomes for clients and populations.</b></li> <li>4. <b>Advocate for ethical policies that promote access, equity, quality, and cost effectiveness.</b></li> <li>5. <b>Collaborate within nursing and interprofessional teams to improve client and population health.</b></li> <li>6. <b>Demonstrate the competencies associated with the nurse midwifery role within the scope of practice as defined by the ACNM.</b></li> </ol>

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<p>We are committed to providing <b>accessible</b> and <b>supportive education</b> to <b>diverse individuals</b> from rural and medically underserved Georgia who are committed to living and working in their communities. We believe that <b>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.</b></p> <p><b>COMMITMENT TO ETHICAL AND JUST ACTION:</b> GC midwifery faculty believe that <b>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.</b></p>		
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