

Criterion IV.A.1.B Philosophy of the GC/CoHS and GC Midwifery Program

A.1.b. The Philosophy of the Institution within which the proposed midwifery program will reside or will be affiliated.

GC SON Midwifery Program Philosophy	Georgia College Mission Statement	Georgia College CoHS Guiding Principles
<p><b>OUR COMMITMENT TO THE PROFESSION</b>                      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 <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 model of health promotion and collaborative practice that embraces the unique contributions that each <b>health profession provides in the care of women and their families</b>. We believe that <b>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</b>.</p> <p><b>COMMITMENT OT THE MIDWIFERY COMMUNITY</b>                      We are committed to providing accessible and supportive education 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>As Georgia's public liberal arts university, Georgia College offers undergraduate programs of study to talented and motivated students in a residential college setting. Georgia College also provides, at multiple locations, graduate and professional studies that support the needs of the region and create pathways to individual success and personal fulfillment. Its academically engaging, student- centered programs often <b>take learning beyond the traditional classroom and develop the intellectual, professional, and civic skills and dispositions that enable graduates to thrive in an information-intensive and diverse global society</b>. Through its teaching, research, and service, Georgia College <b>enriches the lives of students and their local and global communities</b>.</p>	<p>The College of Health Sciences' first priority is the education of competent, caring professionals with a comprehensive world view that promotes leadership, initiative, accountability, stewardship and a moral and ethical respect for others.</p> <p>The College of Health Sciences is committed to contributing to the <b>optimal health</b> of those who live and work in the university environment and <b>to community partnerships</b> that strive to insure health.</p> <p>The College of Health Sciences views <b>holistic health as an integrated method of functioning which incorporates the physical, spiritual, cognitive, emotional and sociocultural well-being of an individual or community</b>.</p> <p>The College of Health Sciences is dedicated to quality in all aspects of the school's operation and strives <b>for integrity in decisions, services, and actions</b>.</p>

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<p><b>COMMITMENT TO ETHICAL AND JUST ACTION</b></p> <p>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.</p>		
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