

A. The curriculum is based on three distinct statements which provide the foundation for the development, implementation and evaluation of the curriculum. They are 1) a statement of philosophy, 2) a statement of purpose/mission, and 3) a statement of objectives/ outcomes.

A1.a. The philosophy of the ACNM and the GC Midwifery Program are complimentary throughout. Examples of common philosophical tenets are highlighted in the same color between the two documents to showcase the similarities.

| GC SON Midwifery Program Philosophy | ACNM Philosophy |
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| <p>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.</p> | <p>We, the midwives of the American College of Nurse-Midwives, affirm the power and strength of women and the importance of their health in the well-being of families, communities and nations. We believe in the basic human rights of all persons, recognizing that women often incur an undue burden of risk when these rights are violated.</p> <p>We believe every person has a right to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equitable, ethical, accessible quality health care that promotes healing and health • Health care that respects human dignity, individuality and diversity among groups • Complete and accurate information to make informed health care decisions • Self-determination and active participation in health care decisions • Involvement of a woman's designated family members, to the extent desired, in all health care experiences |
| <p>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.</p> | <p>We believe the best model of health care for a woman and her family:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotes a continuous and compassionate partnership • Acknowledges a person's life experiences and knowledge • Includes individualized methods of care and healing guided by the best evidence available • Involves therapeutic use of human presence and skillful communication |
| <p>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</p> | <p>We honor the normalcy of women's lifecycle events. We believe in:</p> |

in the educational and healthcare environment must be a guiding principal for our program.

- Watchful waiting and non-intervention in normal processes
- Appropriate use of interventions and technology for current or potential health problems
- Consultation, collaboration and referral with other members of the health care team as needed to provide optimal health care

We affirm that midwifery care incorporates these qualities and that women's health care needs are well-served through midwifery care.

Finally, we value formal education, lifelong individual learning, and the development and application of research to guide ethical and competent midwifery practice. These beliefs and values provide the foundation for commitment to individual and collective leadership at the community, state, national and international level to improve the health of women and their families worldwide.