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Dear Prospective Midwife,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a licensed midwife here in Texas. Currently there are three different paths you may pursue in order to become a licensed midwife and practice legally in Texas.

1. Successfully complete a course on midwifery (either on-site or correspondence course) approved by the Texas Midwifery Board AND successfully pass the state approved comprehensive written exam;

OR

2. Successfully complete a MEAC-accredited course on midwifery AND successfully pass the state approved comprehensive written exam AND successfully complete a continuing education course on the current Texas Midwifery Basic Information and Instructor Manual;

OR

3. Qualify for certification by NARM and complete the NARM certification process, thereby becoming a Certified Professional Midwife (CPM) AND successfully complete a continuing education course on the current Texas Midwifery Basic Information and Instructor Manual.

You would then send proof of successful completion of one of the three alternatives listed above, along with an application for a midwife license in Texas; proof of passing the Jurisprudence Examination (link to exam on our website); copy of current CPR card (both sides) issued by either the Red Cross or American Heart Association; a copy of a Neonatal Resuscitation training card (both sides) issued by the American Academy of Pediatrics; either a Newborn Screening Plan, or evidence of approved training in Newborn Screening; and an application fee of \$280. Once licensed, you renew your license every two years, paying a \$562 fee and providing any other information required under current rules. The annual requirement for continuing education is presently 10 hours/year. In addition, you must familiarize yourself with Texas law and rules governing the practice of midwifery.

We hope that this letter has provided the information that you require. The organization which you should contact regarding the third alternative listed above is:

The North American Registry of Midwives (NARM)
1-888-84-BIRTH

We encourage you to contact our office again if you have any further questions. You may reach our office by telephone at (512)834-4523; fax at (512)834-6677; or e-mail at midwifery@dshs.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Feinleib
Midwifery Program Director

Enclosures