

MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL MIDWIFERY BRIDGING PROJECT

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MMBP Eligibility Requirements

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How do I get into the MMBP?

To take part in the MMBP, you have to show that:

- You speak English well and know the midwifery words you will need to use
- You are a midwife with enough education and experience to practise in Canada

Requirements

Everyone must meet the English requirements noted below in Part One.

Midwives come from different backgrounds, so the MMBP will accept different combinations of education and experience. There are two ways that you can meet Midwifery Background requirements, depending on your education and experience. These are Eligibility Option A or Eligibility Option B. These two options are described in Part Two of this document.

It is important to know that even if you meet the requirements of the MMBP, not everyone who applies will get in. There are a limited number of spaces in the program. The skills or educational requirements missing in your midwifery background may also be too large to be filled by this program.

PART ONE: English Language Fluency Requirements

YOU DO NOT NEED TO WRITE AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST IF YOU HAVE:

A. Successfully completed a minimum of 10 years of primary and secondary school in Canada, including English language examinations AND have achieved a minimum score of 70% in non-ESL Grade 12 English.

OR

B. Lived in an approved English-dominant country^{*} for four of the six years immediately prior to the final application date AND have completed a midwifery education program, of at least 24 months duration, in an English-dominant country^{*}, where the language of instruction and examination was in English and where a

^{*} *Only the following countries are considered to be English-dominant by the MMBP:*

Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Belize, Botswana, British Virgin Islands, Canada (except Quebec), Cayman Islands, Dominica, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Malta, Mauritius, New Zealand, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos Islands, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States of America, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

minimum of 80% of clinical experience, including patient interactions, took place in English.

OR

C. Lived in an approved English-dominant country* for four of the six years immediately prior to the final application date AND have lived and studied in an English-dominant country* in English-only schools for at least four years in a secondary and/or post-secondary institution.

NOTE: The MMBP and its partners reserve the right to request additional proof of English language competency and/or to require applicants to attend English course pre-requisite if they judge that English fluency is not high enough for the MMBP.

YOU MUST WRITE AN APPROVED ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST IF:

You have NOT lived in an English dominant country, or you do not meet the requirements above.

English language test scores from up to two years prior to the MMBP application date of October 14, 2008 will be accepted. If you do not meet the exemption criteria and/or do not have current test results with the required scores, you should take your English language test as soon as possible.

English Language Tests and Minimum Required Scores:

The table below lists the English language tests that you may take and the test score you will need to achieve to get into the MMBP. It also lists the test score that you need to earn before you can take the Canadian Midwifery Registration Examination (CMRE)[†] upon successful completion of the MMBP.

For the first seven tests listed, the minimum score needed to get into the MMBP is lower than the score needed to be eligible for the CMRE. For the last three tests listed, the minimum score needed to get into the MMBP is the same as the score needed to write the CMRE.

- If you achieve the higher score, you will meet the language requirements for both the MMBP and the CMRE.
- If you achieve the lower (minimum) score, you must begin an approved Health Sector English language course before starting the first MMBP midwifery course. You will need to take another test and achieve the higher score to be eligible for the CMRE.
- If you do not achieve the lower (minimum) score, you are ineligible to enter MMBP midwifery courses and we recommend you take an English language course to improve your fluency before you apply again.

[†] The [Canadian Midwifery Registration Examination \(CMRE\)](#) is a mandatory national exam for initial registration as a midwife in Canada.

Acceptable English Language Tests and Required Scores

Test Name	Minimum Required Score to enrol in the MMBP's first midwifery course [‡] <Minimum score>	Required Score for eligibility to take CMRE (registration exam) <Higher score>
BC Midwifery Language Proficiency Test (BCMLPT) <i>(The BCMLPT will only be offered if there is sufficient interest)</i>	50% on each component	70% on each component
Ontario Midwifery Language Proficiency Test (OMLPT) <i>(The OMLPT test is acceptable for MMBP entry, but has limited availability)</i>	50% on each component	70% on each component
AND Test of Spoken English (TSE) or speaking component of another accepted language test		
International English Language Testing System (IELTS) – Academic	6.5 overall (min. 6/module)	7.0 overall (min. 6.5/module)
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) AND Test of Spoken English (TSE)	560 paper-based or 220 computer-based AND 45 on TSE	580 paper-based and 5 on Test of Written Language (TWE) or 237 on computer-based TOEFL, and 5 on Test of Written Language (TWE) AND 50 on TSE
TOEFL internet based testing (TOEFL-iBT)	83 total (min. of 20 on each component)	92 total (min of 21 on each component)
Canadian Test of English for Scholars and Trainees (CanTEST)	4	4.5
Canadian Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL)	Min 60 in each component	Min 70 in each component
Cambridge Certification in Advanced English (CAE)	(same as for CMRE)	B
Cambridge Certification of Proficiency in English (CPE)	(same as for CMRE)	C
Occupational Language Test (OLT)	(same as for CMRE)	B

[‡] Applicants who obtain this score will be required to take an approved Health Sector English language course before enrolling MMBP midwifery courses.

PART TWO: Midwifery Background Requirements

Eligibility Option A: Education and Clinical Experience

If you don't have very much experience working as a midwife, you will use this option.

Midwifery Education

What kind of midwifery education do I need?

You must have graduated from a recognized midwifery education program offered by an accredited educational institution (direct-entry or post-nursing)

OR

You must have completed self-directed midwifery education. If your midwifery education has been self-directed, the content of your program must have been approved by a Canadian midwifery regulator before you started your studies.

In all cases, the midwifery program must be:

- A program that includes a minimum of 24 months of full-time midwifery education

OR

- A program with at least 2400 clinical hours and 850 academic hours over a minimum of 18 months of midwifery education

OR

- A post-nursing program that includes a minimum of one academic year of full-time midwifery education.

Your midwifery education must have:

- Included both theoretical and clinical studies, and clearly-defined competencies and outcomes;
- Covered all aspects of care (antepartum, intrapartum and postpartum and newborn care to at least 28 days) from the perspective of the midwife providing care on her own responsibility;
- Used an educational framework that enables students to link theory to practice;
- Included supervised clinical practice that integrates theory into midwifery practice;
- Included clinical placements in a jurisdiction or jurisdictions where midwifery practice is regulated OR in a Canadian province or territory in the two years before midwifery legislation was passed;
- Included the fundamentals of safe evidence-based midwifery care;
and
- Included an evaluation process that allows students to incorporate their learning progressively and verifies that the student has met the defined competencies of the program.

AND

Clinical Experience

What kind of midwifery experience do I need?

- At least 50 births with at least 30 of these as the primary midwife in the past 5 years
- OR**
- At least 40 births as the primary midwife in the past 5 years
- OR**
- 200 births as primary midwife during your career:

Your background should include experience in antepartum, postpartum and newborn care; and proof of having kept up-to-date on evidence-based midwifery standards of care.

All of your clinical experience must have happened in either:

- A jurisdiction or jurisdictions where midwifery is regulated
- OR**
- A Canadian province or territory in the two years before midwifery became regulated
- OR**
- A situation in which practice is overseen by a recognized organization acceptable to the Canadian Midwifery Regulators Consortium (CMRC).

***Please Note:** Several Canadian provinces and territories are newly-regulated or will be regulated soon. The MMBP Pilot will make special arrangements for you with the regulator if you have practised in one of these provinces or territories. You will still need to meet requirements similar to those in Option A, but there may be small changes to meet the needs of the newly-regulated jurisdiction. If you have gained all or most of your clinical experience in a Canadian jurisdiction that is newly-regulated or about to become regulated, you may be able to use this option.*

Eligibility Option B: Registration and Clinical Experience

If you have a lot of experience working as a midwife, you will likely use this option.

What kind of clinical experience and midwifery registration do I need?

- You must have registered with a regulatory organization or government department that: has authority to govern the profession; keeps a register of midwives; and regulates the standards and practice of midwifery.
- You have actively practised midwifery for at least 5 out of the last 10 years while registered with a midwifery regulatory organization.
- You have had good professional conduct during your career which can be proven by a certificate of good conduct or equivalent from a regulatory organization or government department.
- You have been the primary midwife for at least 200 births.

- You can prove your education or experience in antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum and newborn care from the perspective of a midwife providing evidence-based care on her own responsibility. (Postpartum care must have been provided beyond the first 24 hours after birth up to a minimum of 2 weeks postpartum.)