



Midwifery Council of New Brunswick

**Conseil de l'Ordre des sages-femmes
du Nouveau-Brunswick**

Second Attendant Home Birth Training

Purpose: To provide orientation and scenario-based training to second attendants who will be attending home births with registered midwives.

This training will be taught by a registered midwife with the Midwifery Council of New Brunswick (MCNB) to health care professionals applying to be second attendants as per MCNB's Policy.

Once approved, Second Attendants will be required to refresh every three (3) years, by attending the half day hands-on skills part of the training.

Pre-requisites:

- 1) Expression of interest made to the Registrar of MCNB to become a second attendant.
- 2) To read the following documents in preparation for the training:

MCNB Policies: New Brunswick Midwifery Model of Care

Second Attendants

MCNB Position Statement: Home Birth

MCNB Guidelines: Emergency Transport to Hospital from a Planned Home Birth

Recommended Equipment and Supplies for Home Birth

Consultation, Shared Primary Care, and Transfer of Care Midwifery Practice Guidelines



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Course Outline:

Introduction

Welcome, Objectives, and Ice breaker

About midwifery

- About Midwifery Regulation in New Brunswick
- Education of a midwife in Canada
- The benefits of Midwifery care
- The Midwifery Council of New Brunswick
- Midwifery Model of Care
 - Review of *MCNB Policy New Brunswick Midwifery Model of Care*
 - Review of *MCNB Position Statement – Home Birth*
 - Review *MCNB Consultation, Shared Primary Care, and Transfer of Care Midwifery Practice Guidelines*
- About the Fredericton Midwifery Center

Roles, Duties and Responsibilities of Second Attendants

- Review *MCNB Policy Second Attendants*
- Familiarize with equipment for home birth and setup
- Familiarize with paperwork (Horizon Health Network and client binder)
- Logistics of being a Second Attendant
 - Expectations of being on-call
 - Liability insurance
 - Renumeration of services
 - Safety while working in the community
 - What to bring with you
 - Communication; before, during, and after birth

Lunch break (1 hour)



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Emergency skills training

1. Managing Emergencies – includes; treatment, stabilization, evaluation, transfer
2. Each condition below will include the following components;

Definition, Incidence, Prevention, Identification, Management, and Scenario based practice.

- Managing Emergencies
- Postpartum Hemorrhage
- Intrapartum and Antepartum Hemorrhage
- Abnormal Fetal Heart Rate
- Malpresentation and Cord Prolapse
- Shoulder Dystocia
- Emergency Breech Birth
- Emergency Twin Birth
- Anaphylaxis

Evaluation of participants

- a. **Short written test;** content to include knowledge/understanding of second attendant role, communication with emergency services, emergency and non-emergency transfer protocols. A pass mark of 80% is required for successful completion.
- b. **Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) scenario;** the instructor will complete a checklist for each participant that verifies successful demonstration of assistance with emergency procedures. This will include; appropriate responses to direction from midwife, managing emergency equipment as requested, emergency skills within the second attendant role, and answering any questions that arise within the scenario.

Wrap – up:

Questions and Answers, Evaluation of Training, Closing