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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 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:

- application form (form on our website: www.dshs.state.tx.us/midwife);
- proof of passing the Jurisprudence Examination (link to exam on our website);
- copy of current CPR card (both sides) showing certification for health care providers by the American Heart Association; equivalent certification for the professional rescuer from the Red Cross; equivalent certification for healthcare and professional rescuer from the National Safety Council; or equivalent certification issued by any provider of CPR certification for health care providers currently accepted by the department's Office of EMS/Trauma Systems Coordination
- copy of a Neonatal Resuscitation training card (both sides) issued by the American Academy of Pediatrics;
- either a Newborn Screening Plan, or Newborn Screening Certification Form (forms on our website); and
- application fee of \$280.

Once licensed, you renew your license every two years, paying a \$562 fee and providing any other documents required under current rules. The annual requirement for continuing education is presently 20 hours/renewal.

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