
MIDWIFERY REGULATORY COUNCIL OF NOVA SCOTIA (MRCNS)

POLICY ON COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT AND BRIDGING PROGRAMS

In accordance with the *Regulations 2 (1) (b) (c) and (e)*, the following are competency assessment and bridging programs approved by the Council:

- [College of Midwives of British Columbia: Internationally Educated Midwives Bridging Program \(IEMBP\)](#)
- [College of Midwives of Alberta : Prior Learning and Experience Assessment \(PLEA\)](#)
- [Ordre des Sage-Femmes du Québec: Formation d'appoint pour les sages femmes formées à l'étranger](#)
- [Toronto Metropolitan University \(Toronto, Ontario\): International Midwifery Preregistration Bridging Program \(IMPBP\)](#)

The Council also approves the Competency Assessment for Internationally Educated Midwives (CAIEM) conducted in Nova Scotia on a one-time basis in 2008-2009 to assess the clinical competence of internationally educated midwives seeking registration in the province. The program does not include bridging to address competency gaps identified through the assessment process.

In order to be considered to have completed one of these programs pursuant to the *Regulations*, a candidate must have completed any recommended clinical placement.

If a candidate enrolled in a bridging program seeks a provisional license, the candidate must first have successfully completed any clinical placement recommended by that program.

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