



Apprentice/Student Policy

1. An apprentice/student may not give midwifery care except under the supervision of his/her supervising midwife.
2. The supervising midwife will determine the limits of practice of the apprentice/student.
3. The supervising midwife shall maintain a record of each apprentice and provide such record to the board upon request. The record shall include:
 - a. Name
 - b. Address
 - c. Phone number
 - d. Course affiliation, if applicable
 - e. A signed Supervising Midwife/Apprentice Complaint Disclosure form
4. The supervising midwife shall provide a copy of the Texas Midwifery Act, Rules, and this policy, to the apprentice and require the apprentice to sign a Supervising Midwife/Apprentice Complaint Disclosure form before allowing the apprentice to participate in clinical training.
5. At the request of the apprentice, the supervising midwife shall provide verification of completed required skills to the apprentice within 30 days of the date of the request.
6. An apprentice/student is practicing midwifery without a license when s/he:
 - a. Exceeds the limits of practice set by his/her supervisor
 - b. Advertises him/herself as a midwife unless s/he advertises as an apprentice/student midwife with the approval of the supervising midwife. The advertisement must include the name of the supervising midwife.
 - c. Accept a fee for midwifery services from a client.
 - d. Has his/her own clients.
7. The midwife is responsible for all aspects of midwifery care given by the apprentice/student.
8. An apprentice/student may have more than one supervising midwife overseeing his/her work; however, each instance of midwifery care given is identified as accountable to a specific supervising midwife, as noted in the chart at the time of care, by either the midwife or the apprentice/student.
9. Any midwifery care given by an apprentice/student must be reviewed and co-signed by the supervising midwife.
10. If a complaint is filed against a supervising midwife with the Texas Midwifery Board or any other professional, licensing, or certification board or agency related to midwifery, the supervising midwife shall immediately inform each of his/her apprentices/students in any course in which the students are enrolled in writing of the following information:
 - a. the nature of the complaint filed against him/her;
 - b. the name, address and phone number of the Texas Midwifery Board or the other professional, licensing, or certification board or agency; and
 - c. the nature of any action proposed and/or taken against him/her as a result of the complaint.
11. If a complaint is filed against a supervising midwife, the Texas Midwifery Board's Complaint Review Committee shall consider and may propose a restriction or prohibition on the supervision of apprentices/students in accordance with 22 Texas Administrative Code §831.169 Disciplinary Action(a)(3).