UBC MIDWIFERY

HOW TO COUNT BIRTHS

UBC Midwifery evaluates learners based on their competencies. However, the College of Midwives of BC has established a base minimum for experience including birth numbers as a requirement for registration. Thus, students must document their attendance at all births and track the pre and postnatal visits with those people to provide evidence that they meet these CMBC registration requirements. This list provides the Definitions for each of these base requirements.

**Attended = 60**
These births occurred where you were in attendance in any capacity as a student in the program. These do NOT include births attended outside your role as a UBC student.

**2nd Attendant = 2**
You functioned as the 2nd attendant – prepared birth equipment and space, monitoring fetus in 2nd stage, receiving newborn, assisting with active management of third stage if done, ongoing maternal & newborn care & assessments as indicated. Students must have demonstrated competency in acting as a Second Attendant prior to graduation. Competency in acting as a Second Attendant should be encouraged in the fourth year.

**Continuity = 30**
You attended the birth & had an additional 6 clinical visits with the person during the prenatal and/or postpartum period.

**Primary = 40**
Acting under supervision, *within the expectation of your student role and within your level in the program*, you were actively involved in the provision of care, decision making and managing the case for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th stage. You conducted the birth or your hands were on the baby as it was being born OR
There was an intrapartum *transfer of care* and a MD conducted the birth.

**Hospital = 5**
You were the primary & conducted the birth in hospital.

**Home = 5**
You were primary & conducted the birth at home or in an out of hospital setting.
Count 1: If the birth was intended to be at home, you were present at the home and transfer to hospital during labour occurred.

**Transfer of care* < 8 of the 40 primary can be counted towards primary numbers**
You were primary during the labour and you transferred care – the physician conducted the birth and you were in attendance at the birth.

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