

South Coast Midwifery & Women's Health Care

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Doula Internship Program

Minimum Requirements for Participation:

- *Resume with current contact information, work history, special skills, languages, and three personal/professional references.*
- *Proof of attendance of an accredited certification workshop.*

Communications Requirements:

- *Cellular phone and/or pager.*
- *Expectation of arrival to labor within 30-45 minutes of being called.*

Opportunities for Securing Clients:

- *Attending the Birth Preparation class is a great opportunity to meet potential clients!*
- *Volunteering during clinic hours makes you visible to our clients.*
- *Your name will be added to the list of South Coast Midwifery Doula Interns. Our clients are encouraged to work with doula interns.*

Call Requirements:

- *Once a client is secured it is the doula's responsibility to be available 24 hours to the client. Doulas may work together to see that backup coverage is provided, but a client may not be abandoned for any reason.*

Length of Internship:

- *Attending 3 births as a doula will be the minimum requirement for completion of the internship. The exact number of births required is based on the interns previous experience.*
- *A minimum commitment of 3 months is required to receive a certificate of completion. We cannot guarantee that our clients will chose to work with you, therefore, no certificate will be awarded if the required births were not attended.*
- *Graduation from the Doula Internship Program is also based on the quality of your work. Feedback in the form of a doula evaluation is provided by Lorri Walker, RNC, NP, CNM for each birth.*

Compensation:

- *Home , birth center, hospital and water birth experiences.*
- *Doula Internship Program certificate of completion from South Coast Midwifery.*
- *Graduate interns will be added to our referral network as a professional doula.*

Mentors:

- *The primary mentor is Lorri Walker, RNC, NP, CNM. Other CNMs who work with South Coast Midwifery may also participate.*
- *Experienced doulas who may be present during your volunteer hours at the office and/or at a birth.*

Appearance:

- *Interns with South Coast Midwifery are expected to maintain a professional appearance. Keep in mind the conservative nature of the community in which we practice. Personal hygiene is important. Interns should maintain a well-groomed appearance. Cosmetics and manicure should be subtle and neat. Piercings should be minimal and tattoos discreet. Hair should be neat and clean avoiding extreme/large hairstyles.*

Attire:

- *During office hours, interns should be neatly dressed in business-casual attire. Medical scrubs are also acceptable. Open toe shoes are not allowed in a medical office setting. At births, scrubs or loose, comfortable clothing works best.*

Cost

- *We do not require financial compensation, but we do request an exchange of energy and support. The following are ways that you may be expected to give back:*
 1. *Volunteer in the office 1-4 times per month for a minimum of one hour. Duties may include filing, cleaning and most importantly interacting with potential clients.*
 2. *Volunteer at births as an extra assistant as part of the birth team (not the doula). You will learn from the birth assistants, but will have less hands on experience with the client than as a doula.*
 3. *Community outreach: Post our cards and flyers at various health food/ prenatal stores. You can also give our cards to potential clients and help educate people about our GYN services.*

I agree to the terms and conditions of South Coast Midwifery's Doula Internship Program.

Doula Intern

Date

South Coast Midwifery representative

Date

Start Date: -----

Contact phone numbers: Home - -----

Cell - -----

Pager - -----