



# MIDWIFERY ACCREDITATION SUPPORT TRACK

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## Accreditation FAQ's

### *What is a Self-Evaluation Report (SER)?*

*The Self-Evaluation Report (SER) is a comprehensive, detailed report prepared by the institution/program addressing each of the standards and associated benchmarks. The SER follows the structure of the MEAC Standards. Each standard is measured by a series of benchmarks. You will be asked to demonstrate how your institution meets the benchmark by responding to specific instructions such as provide a description, report the results, describe the process, etc.*

### *What are the standards for MEAC accreditation?*

*Each institution or program accredited by MEAC:*

- Measures student success with respect to the school's mission;*
- Bases its course of education on nationally recognized standards;*
- Utilizes qualified faculty for its didactic and clinical education;*
- Maintains appropriate facilities, equipment, supplies and other resources;*
- Practices sound financial management;*
- Provides appropriate student services;*
- Establishes policies and procedures regarding student affairs; Includes minimum lengths of didactic and clinical education;*
- Has a mechanism for responding to complaints; and*
- Is in compliance with Title IV of the Higher Education Act, if it chooses to participate.*

## Find Out More

*Please check out our website at <https://www.mastprogram.org/> for more information about the MAST program. There you will find resources, FAQ's, and the latest in accreditation news & events.*

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*Send a message to the MAST Accreditation Doula at [mast@meacschools.org](mailto:mast@meacschools.org).*

*We will be glad to answer any questions you have about MEAC Accreditation & help you get started on your journey through the accreditation process.*





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## MEAC Accreditation Step by Step

- 1) Read the MEAC Accreditation Handbook in full.
- 2) Identify the people in your institution or program who will contribute to the preparation of your application and self-evaluation report.
- 3) Get your team together to develop a plan to address requirements and a timeline.
- 4) Review the sample application provided by MEAC as a guidance tool.
- 5) Contact MEAC at [info@meacschools.org](mailto:info@meacschools.org) to express your interest and intention to apply for accreditation.
- 6) Prepare your Application Packet. Submit The Preliminary Application and Part I Fee.
- 7) Prepare and submit the Self Evaluation Report (SER).

## Sign Up

### THE MAST APPLICATION

Your first step in participating in the MAST program is to complete an application that will take approximately 5-10 minutes of your time.

This will tell us more about your needs and strengths, so that your Accreditation Doula can reach out to you to offer tailored support.

**M.A.S.T. Program Application**

## Gather Your Team

Once you've made the decision to seek accreditation, identify the people in your institution/program who will contribute to the preparation of your application and self-evaluation report. The Midwifery Program Director (or equivalent in your institution/program) generally leads the process but faculty, students, staff, board members and other stakeholders will also be involved depending on the size, structure and complexity of your midwifery education program.

Get your team together to review the requirements and the timeline. Figure out who needs to do what to put all the pieces in place and get started!

MEAC provides training and technical assistance to institutions/programs about the accreditation process and may recommend consulting educators, administrators, accountants and/or other professionals for further development of the institution or program.