

Dutch midwifery Summer School

A program for midwives from abroad

Dates: 15th April – 26th April 2019

The Royal Dutch Organisation of Midwives (KNOV) offers certified midwives from abroad an introduction to the Dutch Midwifery system. During the one or two-week program, you will get to experience all aspects of Dutch midwifery care. The program has the capacity to place approximately eight midwives per year. You are very welcome to join us! Read more about the program and application criteria below.

Program

- **Introductory presentation at KNOV (1 day):** Including midwifery education, research, quality registration, legal, ethical and political issues of the Dutch midwifery system.
- **Hands on primary midwifery care (7 days):** Midwifery experience in primary care, including pre- and post natal care, home and hospital/birthing center births.
- **All facets of secondary obstetric care:** Including insight in the referral system, monitoring of high risk pregnancies, ultrasonic scanning etc.

Location & time

The allocated midwifery practice or 'host' can be at any location in the Netherlands. Each host can place one midwife. Public transport is available everywhere, at times a taxi may be necessary. The placement is at a set time of the year for a period of two weeks including a weekend 'off' to be used for sightseeing or any other activities of your choice. Your host midwifery practice will be introduced to you so that direct contact for all questions is possible. All the logistics can then be arranged directly with your host midwifery practice.

Insurance

Your time spent in the midwifery practice is purely observational. Travel insurance is obligatory. Each participant is responsible for themselves in every situation. The KNOV or the host midwifery practice cannot be liable for damage of any kind.

Costs

Hosting costs for midwifery practice: € 500, - per midwife for 2 weeks or €350 for 1 week. (to be paid as confirmation directly to host midwifery practice 1 month before the starting date)

Estimated costs B&B: €50 p/day. Meals: €30 p/day. Travel: €10 p/day. Prices can vary depending on the location of the practice. All to be arranged with support from host midwifery practice.

Certificate

The KNOV will provide all midwives a certificate on completion of the two-week program.

Example of the two program (in the one week program the accent is on community care)

The program below is just an example. The ingredients of the program are generally the same, but the order can be changed according to your needs and the specific situation of the midwifery practice. You can discuss this with the host midwifery practice once you have been introduced.

Sunday	Arrival in the Netherlands. Travel to host midwifery practice. Introduction to midwives at host practice	Effective time spent
Monday	Day 1: Travel to Utrecht (KNOV). Introduction/presentation of all aspects of Dutch midwifery system at KNOV. Guided tour KNOV and Domus Medica.	4 hours
Tuesday	Day 2: Midwifery practice. Introduction to other care givers in maternity system such as maternity nurses, lactation experts, ultrasonic scan midwives, practice assistants etc.	8 hours
Wednesday	Day 3: Midwifery practice.	8 hours
Thursday	Day 4: Midwifery practice.	8 hours
Friday	Day 5: Midwifery practice.	8 hours
Weekend off for independent sightseeing etc.		
Monday	Day 6: Midwifery practice.	8 hours
Tuesday	Day 7: Screening center/ hospital obstetric care.	8 hours
Wednesday	Day 8: Observation in birthing center/hospital secondary/tertiary care.	6 hours
Thursday	Day 9: Midwifery practise.	8 hours
Friday	Day 10: Evaluation and handing over of Dutch Midwifery Tour Certificate at KNOV.	4 hours
Saturday	End of program	

Besides observing and discussing the common activities of the work of the primary care midwife (such as the consultations, (home)delivery and post -partum support) every host practice can also offer different possibilities depending of the facilities in their practice or region. For example: spend a day with a lactation specialist, the maternity care assistant, watch specialised ultrasounds, observe the activities of the consultation bureau or spend a couple of hours with a pelvic floor specialist. You can discuss your expectations and field of interest with the host midwifery practice once you have been introduced.

To apply for this Summer School or for more information please mail: international@knov.nl