## MIDWIFERY REGULATORY COUNCIL OF NOVA SCOTIA

## POLICY ON NON-CLINICAL LICENSURE

The practice of midwifery as defined in section 2 (i) of the Midwifery Act includes the non-clinical activities of research, education, consultation, management, administration, regulation, policy or system development related to midwifery. A midwife who is licensed in an active-practising (non-clinical) class is not permitted to engage in the clinical activities of midwifery practice set out in subclauses (i) to (v).

Registrants with an active-practising (non-clinical) licence or a provisional (non-clinical) licence are exempt from the requirement in section 29 of the Regulations to carry professional liability insurance, but may be required to carry such insurance or other forms of insurance under the terms of their employment or engagement in non-clinical midwifery practice.

A registrant licensed in a non-clinical class who requests a change of registration status to licensure for clinical midwifery practice must complete all the continuing competency requirements set out in section 12 (b) of the Regulations, and must meet the clinical experience requirements established in Council policy.

In order to renew an active-practising (non-clinical) licence Section 18(2) of the Regulations requires that the midwife have completed one of the following continuing competency requirements: at least 1125 hours in the non-clinical practice of midwifery in 5 years immediately before their application for renewal, or (ii) at least 450 hours in the non-clinical practice of midwifery in the year immediately before their application for renewal.