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Interview and Writing Assignment for Nurse Midwifery Students

To: Midwifery Students and Directors of Midwifery Education

From: ACNMF OnGoing Group (OGG)

Date: 2013-2014

INVITATION

The development of midwifery is due in part to the personal commitment of midwives practicing during the 1900's. Their stories are rich with determination and overcoming barriers. These stories must be saved for historical purposes and can inspire young midwives as they learn from the previous generation.

In November of 2009 interested members of the ACNMF gathered to begin the OnGoing Group. The purpose of the group is to reach out to our senior midwives by contacting them personally. Every midwife 65 and older whose location can be identified receives a Birthday Greeting card from the OGG. Many midwives have been interviewed and their professional stories recorded. A format for the interview was developed and a system to file the stories was established. Regional Coordinators have been identified to reach out locally to senior midwives.

We learned that one person in each Region is not sufficient to gather the names and stories in a timely fashion. We are engaging midwifery students to participate with us in this project. The OnGoing Group is requesting that a written interview up to 1000 words be submitted to the local school and a copy submitted to the ACNMF. The stories with the authors name will be kept in the *Twentieth Century Midwife Story Collection* at the ACNMF Headquarters. All or parts of the interview may be used in future publications or publicity for midwifery.

Course Credit for Professional Issues:

Each Midwifery Program is encouraged to require participation by all students and to provide course credit where appropriate.

Instructions for Completing the Twentieth Century Midwives Interview Project :

1. The student will advise the midwifery professor of her/his intention to complete an interview.

2 . The student will complete the upper half of the application on page 5 and submit electronically to Elaine Moore and Connie Dewees, National Co-Coordinator for the 20th Century Student Project.

Elaine Moore email: mooreelaine@att.net; Connie Dewees email: deweesc@ecu.edu

3. The co-coordinators will electronically communicate with the student and assign the student a senior midwife and the senior's contact information.

4. The student will contact the senior midwife by phone, email, or U.S mail and explain the 20th Century project including the purpose of the project, objectives and interview process. After the senior midwife agrees to be interviewed, the student will arrange with the senior midwife a time, date, and place for the interview.

5. The student will conduct the interview.

- The student will obtain a signed consent for the interview.
- The student will ask for a copy of the senior midwife's CV in formal or informal format. If the senior midwife does not have a CV, the student may develop an informal one by outlining dates and places of the senior's activities throughout her/his career.
- If the interviewee agrees, the student will include a photo of the senior midwife
- After the interview, the student is to write the interview in a narrative format of up to 1000 words. The interview is not to be reported in question and answer format. Excellence in context, grammar, and spelling is expected. In addition a supplemental audio or video may be included in the entry.
- The student will write an additional reflection of 300 words on what she learned by interviewing the senior midwife and how this experience might influence the interviewer's midwifery career development.
- The interviews will be evaluated by members of the OGG committee according to the guidelines found on page 8.
- A copy of the interview will be sent to the senior midwife for her editorial review prior to submission. Necessary corrections will be made by the interviewer prior to submission.
- A thank you note or letter shall be sent by the student to the senior midwife who was interviewed.

- Submission must be received electronically by April 1, 2014 to the national coordinators: mooreelaine@att.net; deweesc@ecu.edu.

Additional Information for Interviewer

Tips for conducting an interview:

- Create a space that is inviting for the senior midwife.
- Share something about yourself.
- Ask the senior midwife how she would like to be addressed.
- The first step to a good interview is to listen with your heart.
- Organize your interview questions ahead of time to maximize the telling of her experience.
- When writing your interview tap into your creativity and engage the reader.

Reflection Essay:

Reflection is about your new insights about midwifery resulting from the interview while the essay is about the senior midwife.

National Awards

ACNM Foundation is offering three national awards to the students who submit an essay about what they learned from the midwife they interviewed and how their listening to the senior midwife may influence their midwifery career. It is anticipated that each student will remain in contact with their senior midwife. The winning interviews and essays will be selected by a panel of judges, and the students will be recognized at the Annual Meeting of the ACNM.

FIRST PLACE - \$1000

SECOND PLACE - \$500

THIRD PLACE – Selection of Don Woods or P. Buckley Moss artwork.

Enjoy the process and good luck!

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APPLICATION

Instructions: At the time of initiation of the process, the student should complete the upper portion of this form and email it to:

Elaine Moore – mooreelaine@att.net and Connie Dewees – deweesc@ecu.edu.

Student Interviewer Information

Name

Address

City

State

Zip code

Telephone Home and Cell

Email Address

Undergraduate Degree College

Midwifery School:

Expected date of graduation:

-----To be completed at time of interview project submission-----

Interviewee Information

Name

Address

City

State

Zip code

Birth date

Telephone Home and Cell

Email Address

Undergraduate Degree

Midwifery School:

Degree:

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INTERVIEW

Background

The OnGoing Group (OGG) was formed by members of the ACNM Foundation. The purpose of the OGG is to honor midwives who are 65 and older. A goal of this project is to gather a senior midwife's history and to remain in touch with the senior midwife after the interview as much as possible. Personal and professional exchanges are both appropriate for this project.

The following questions should guide the conversation between the interviewer and midwife.

1. Demographic Information
 - Name
 - Address
 - Telephone Numbers
 - Email address
 - Birthday
 - Midwifery School/Year Graduated
2. Questions to guide the conversation
 - What experience or individual influenced your decision to become a midwife?
 - Tell me about your midwifery education and individuals who may have mentored you through your midwifery career.
 - What were your greatest joys and deepest regrets about in your midwifery career?
 - What have been the political, professional and personal challenges that have shaped your role as a midwife?
 - What do you consider the "heart of midwifery"?
 - How are you using your midwifery education now?
 - Would you share a memorable story from your midwifery career?
 - Is there anything you would like to tell me that I didn't ask?
3. Concluding the interview
 - May we share the information you shared in ACNM publications?
 - Are you willing to share a photo of yourself to include with your story?
 - Do you have a copy of an article about your midwifery career or other publication about you that you would like to share?

PLEASE USE THIS CHECKLIST TO ENSURE YOUR PROJECT IS COMPLETE

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STUDENT CHECK LIST FOR APPLICATION PROCESS

Student Name:

Interviewee's Name:

Check if yes or no	Yes	No
1. Student's faculty member aware of application?		
2. Contact with Elaine Moore/Connie Dewees		
3. Student commits to interview assigned midwife?		
4. Consent for interview? (2) - one for ACNMF submitted with interview and one for interviewee to keep.		
5. CV collected?		
6. Includes responses to all or most questions.		
7. Student reflection included?		
8. Faculty has reviewed written project.		
9. Interviewee has reviewed and approved written interview.		
10. Interviewee photo included		
11. Submission date met?		

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Grading the Interviews

Expectation is for excellence in all aspects of the paper.

A. Make a statement about the person being interviewed. Does the statement put forth the word picture of the midwife being interviewed? Is the story told in an interesting and engaging manner? 30 pts

- **Statement clearly stated**
- **Statement related to her contribution to midwifery practice in the Twentieth Century**

B. Supporting examples and stories reflect the opening statement. Examine each paragraph (at least 5) for one idea or concept. The rest of the paragraph must discuss aspects of the topic. 40 pts

- **Does each paragraph have a topic sentence?**
- **Does each paragraph contain just one idea or concept? .**

C. Examine the paper's format and grammar. 18 pts

- **Does this paper have an introduction, a body, and an end (conclusion)?**
- **Does this paper have proper punctuation?**
- **Are words spelled correctly?**
- **Is the grammar and usage correct?**
- **Does the author provide full and complete sentences? There should be no sentence fragments or run-on sentences.**
- **Does this paper have consistent verb tense, voice, and third-person usage?**
- **Are proper nouns capitalized?**

D. Required items to include in packet: 12 pts

- Essay
- Reflection
- Interviewee's CV or professional summary
- Permission to interview and publish
- Checklist



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Consent for Interview

The purpose of the interview is to offer a listening ear to your history as a midwife and record your words for historical purposes. Many midwife stories are lost. If we write about the establishment of midwifery care and services in the early days, the foundation of the profession will be recorded. Formalizing the collection of midwifery stories will preserve our heritage.

After your interview today, the interviewer will write what you said and then will send or email the interview to you so that you can edit or make corrections as needed. Once you approve the content, your story will be sent to the ACNM Foundation office for safe keeping.

Participating in this study may not benefit you directly but will contribute to the body of knowledge about midwifery practice. Immediately, the stories will help the current student and new midwives learn from your history. We do not envision any significant risks related to participation in this interview. You may choose not to participate, although we would appreciate you informing us so we do not unnecessarily contact you again about this project.

Audio or video recordings of the interview may be done with your permission and will be kept at the ACNM Foundation office. The interviews will be utilized for publications and promotion of midwifery. The plans are to create an anthology when the collection is sufficient to publish. Abstracts of each interview and a brief biography of the interviewer will be written to create a summary.

Your signature on this consent form indicates your agreement to participate in the interview. You will be given a copy of this form to keep, and the second consent form will be kept with your submitted history.

Thank you very much for your willingness to participate.

I have read the consent form and all questions about the interview have been answered. I agree to participate in the interview.

Midwife Interviewed(Print)_____ Date of Birth_____

Midwifery Education Program_____Year of Graduation_____

Signature _____ Date _____

Interviewer Name: (Print)_____

Signature_____ Date_____