

JENNIFER HOUSTON CNM MS

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QUALIFICATIONS PROFILE

Professionally and uniquely qualified nurse midwife with over 28 years clinical experience in providing full scope women's health care to a diverse population in many different practice settings and in different countries and cultures. Experienced midwifery trainer/educator with demonstrated ability to work effectively with women and traditional midwives. Strongly committed to women's rights and empowerment through education and choice

- Experienced in intra-cultural exchange
- Widely recognized as an excellent care provider and patient advocate with over 28 yrs of direct care provision
- Widely recognized as an effective trainer of traditional midwives
- Demonstrated ability to forge, lead, and motivate outstanding healthcare teams that provide top-quality patient care.
- Outstanding interpersonal and communication skills
- Knowledge and practice of lifesaving skills
- Strong Spanish speaking and reading skills
- Works well both independently as well as with other team members
- Adapts well and readily to new environments

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder/Director of Clinica Ixmucane

Oct 1997- Nov 2005

- Responsible for establishing, securing funding, legalizing running a full scope midwifery practice and clinical integration site for midwifery students
- Responsible for policies, procedures, protocols of the clinic
- Responsible for providing or supervising direct care provision
- Developed close professional relationships with local medical community
- Established close relationship with local traditional midwives
- Established partnerships with various U.S. based midwifery educational programs to place and supervise clinical capacity building of students

Executive Director Midwives for Midwives Antigua Guatemala

July 1997-Feb 2006

- Founder/Director of the establishment and development of a 501 c (3) non profit organization working in Guatemala to improve women's health through skilled midwifery
- Responsible for all direct activities of MFM including board development, bylaws, policy and guidelines, program, financial and organizational development.

- Responsible for program development and midwifery capacity building.
- Evaluated all previous models and content of training from the Guatemalan MOH, safe Motherhood, CARE, MSF, ACNM Life saving Skills Training, UNICEF and completed thorough literature review of research related to training traditional midwives

Consultant Conservational International Peten Guatemala

March 1997 June 1997

- Provided expertise to a project of C.I as part of an effort to save the last remaining biosphere in Guatemala
- Worked closely with women's medicinal plant collective in all aspects of establishing an economically sustainable eco business
- Wild crafting and intentional planting of medical plants
- Taught various ways of preserving and utilizing medicinal plants for sale ;preserving tinctures, salves, oils, and teas
- Marketing and sale of local medicinals

Trainer of Midwives Kabliji Rural Hospital Rajasthan India

Feb 1991- Aug 1992

- *Developed and initiated training program to indigenous midwives*

Midwife Private Practice

Catskill Women's Health Center

1981- 1997

- Partnered and established full scope women's health practice with OB/GYN physician
- Provided all aspects of care within midwifery scope of practice
- Established hospital privileges for Midwives for Midwives
- Developed all protocols for midwifery care within the practice and hospital
- Provided care in home, hospital and freestanding birth center

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

1999 MS in Midwifery Philadelphia University Philadelphia PA Deans List

1995 BA Women's Studies State Univ. of NY at New Paltz Deans list

1986-87 Certificates in Midwifery Univ of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ Newark NJ Deans List

1985-86 OB/GYN Nurse Practitioner Program Margaret Sanger Center IPPP NYC NY

1974-76 A.S. Nursing Ulster Country Community College Stone Ridge N.Y.

Licensure

Registered Nurse (RN), State of New York 1997
Certified Nurse Midwife NYS Education Department 1987
All continuing Ed requirements for ACNM up to date

Publications

1. "Weaving a Cultural Exchange: Midwives Working Together"
Jennifer Houston, CNM, January 2000 *Midwifery Today*
2. Home Birth Paper
Jennifer Houston, CNM, Spring 1998 *Midwifery Today*
3. Midwives for Midwives: Protecting the Sacred Circle
Jennifer Houston and Lesley Raunig, Spring 2000 *Midwifery Today*
4. A Midwifery Model for Training Traditional Midwives in Guatemala: A Report from the Field, by
Jennifer Foster, CNM, MPH, PhD; Angela Anderson, CNM, MSN; Jennifer Houston, CNM, MS; and
Maya Doe-Simkins, BA, MPH. Published in *Midwifery*

Hobbies/Interests

Yoga, literature, medicinal plants, gardening,

References Available on Request