



Cross Certification Program Checklist

If you are an already or previously certified postpartum doula, we offer an accelerated pathway to becoming a BirthWorks Certified Postpartum Doula. You must be currently certified through a nationally recognized certification program (if you are uncertain if your organization qualifies, please contact BWI for pre-approval) or have a certification that expired within eighteen months of applying for cross certification. Upon enrollment, you will be contacted by a BirthWorks mentor and granted access to our online training program website. Successful completion of the following grants you BirthWorks Postpartum Doula Certification.

Provide Proof of Certification

Provide proof of your current certification or certification that expired within eighteen months.

Provide Proof of CPR Certification

Provide proof of current infant CPR certification via an American Heart Association or Red Cross approved training. You do not need healthcare CPR certification as the one childcare provider's use is sufficient.

Read *Hold Your Premie* by Jill Bergman with Dr. Nils Bergman and provide a two page double spaced report on what you learned, what inspired you, and how you might apply this information in your postpartum doula work.

Review All Training Program Files and Submit Application and Understanding Assignments

In order to become a BirthWorks certified postpartum doula it is important you have an understanding of the BirthWorks Philosophy and Standards of Practice. Reviewing all of the program files and submitting these Application & Understanding assignments ensures your understanding of the BirthWorks organization's expectations.

Practice Interview

As an experienced postpartum doula, you likely have an understanding of how to present yourself at an interview. The reason we include this in the cross certification program is that we want to ensure that you demonstrate an understanding of the BirthWorks Standards of Practice, known as S.U.P.P.O.R.T.

Become a Member of The BirthWorks Organization

In order to receive your certification you must become a member of the BirthWorks International and remain in good standing to re-certify when it expires.

Provide Letters of Recommendation or Postpartum Care Evaluations

You must submit two letters of recommendation from fellow birth work professionals OR submit two Postpartum Care Evaluations for care provided within the last three months or after enrollment in this program. The care must be provided for a family with an infant under the age of twelve weeks.