

# Advanced Standing & Equivalency Application

BirthPro Doula Training & Family Education

*Application Fee: \$500 (all tracks) | Payment plans available — contact connect@birthpro.org*

BirthPro recognizes that many experienced birth workers come to this work through community practice, adjacent training, or organizations not currently approved by state Medicaid programs. This pathway allows qualified individuals to demonstrate competency and earn BirthPro certification through documented experience, prior training, and mentor evaluation — aligned with our values of equity, integrity, and scope-appropriate care.

### What you receive with Advanced Standing certification:

- ✓ BirthPro certificate for your track (CBD, CPPD, or CFSD)
- ✓ BirthPro credentials to use after your name
- ✓ Access to BirthPro's graduate mentoring community
- ✓ Ongoing access to BirthPro resources and continuing education
- ✓ Listing in the BirthPro Birth Worker Directory (optional)

## Step 1 — Select Your Pathway

Check the pathway that best describes your background:

**Pathway A: Prior Training Equivalency**

For birth workers certified through a training organization not currently approved by your state Medicaid or insurance program.

**Pathway B: Experienced Practice**

For long-practicing birth workers with substantial documented experience but no formal certification from a recognized training organization.

## Step 2 — Applicant Information

Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State of Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Website or Social Media (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Which BirthPro certification track are you applying for?**

- Certified Birth Doula (CBD) — \$500
- Certified Postpartum Doula (CPPD) — \$500
- Certified Full Spectrum Doula (CFSD) — \$500

**Step 3A — Prior Training Equivalency (Pathway A only)**

*Skip this section if you selected Pathway B.*

Name of Training Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Certification Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach: Certificate of Completion + Training Syllabus or Curriculum Overview

**Competency Self-Assessment**

For each area below, briefly describe your training or experience. Attach additional pages if needed.

Labor support skills and comfort measures:

Informed consent and birth preferences:

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<b>Scope of practice and professional boundaries:</b>

<b>Communication with medical care team:</b>

<b>Any gaps you are aware of in your training:</b>

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### Step 3B — Experienced Practice Pathway (Pathway B only)

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*Skip this section if you selected Pathway A.*

#### Experience Documentation

Approximate years practicing:

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Total births/clients supported:

\_\_\_\_\_

Types of births or postpartum care you have supported (check all that apply):

- Hospital birth
- Birth center birth

- Home birth
- Cesarean birth support
- Postpartum home visits
- Bereavement / loss support
- High-risk or complex pregnancy support
- Other (describe below)

**Describe any other types of birth or postpartum work not listed above:**


**Reflective Portfolio**

Please respond to the following. Write from your own experience. There are no wrong answers.

**How do you describe your role and scope of practice to clients and care teams?**


**Describe a challenging situation you navigated as a birth worker. What did you do, and what did you learn?**


**How do you approach supporting a client whose birth experience differs significantly from their plan?**

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<b>What areas of your practice do you most want to strengthen through BirthPro's curriculum?</b>

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### Step 4 — Mentor or Professional Reference

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Provide contact information for one person who can speak to your practice. This may be a doula colleague, midwife, nurse, childbirth educator, or supervisor. BirthPro will contact them directly.

Reference Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to You: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Known: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>What would you like your reference to speak to specifically?</b>

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### Step 5 — Payment

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<p><b>Application Fee: \$500 (all tracks)</b></p> <p>Your fee includes portfolio review, curriculum gap assessment, reference outreach, mentor coordination, and lifetime access to BirthPro's graduate mentoring community.</p>
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Payment plans available. Contact connect@birthpro.org before submitting to arrange a plan. Your application will be reviewed upon receipt of first payment.

### Payment Method

- Pay in full — I will submit payment via the BirthPro website or invoice
- Payment plan — I have contacted BirthPro to arrange a plan prior to submission

## Step 6 — Attestation & Submission

By signing below, I confirm that all information provided in this application is accurate and complete. I understand that misrepresentation of my training or experience may result in denial or revocation of certification. I agree to abide by BirthPro's Code of Conduct and scope-appropriate practice standards.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit your completed application + attachments to:**

**connect@birthpro.org**

*Subject line: Advanced Standing Application — [Your Name] — [Track]*

You will receive a confirmation within 3–5 business days. Review typically takes 2–3 weeks.