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**Countryside**  
Midwifery Services

**General or New Registrant Wanted**  
***One Year Position (possibility of permanent placement)***

We are looking for a midwife to join us for a year with the possibility of permanent placement. Eligible candidates include New Registrants or General Registrants. If the successful candidate is a New Registrant then the position and start date is dependent on funding approval. A General Registrant can begin as soon as possible but the start date can be negotiated.

Countryside Midwives is a rural practice looking for a midwife to join us in our Palmerston clinic in a shared care team of two. How this shared care model looks is flexible and can be determined by the successful candidate and shared care partner. A minimum of 30 BCCs may be billed for the year, with a possibility of more.

Our practice covers a large catchment area, with 3 hospital corporations for privileges. Our Level 2 hospital is in Stratford and we attend births in Listowel and North/Centre Wellington as well. We have good, longstanding relationships with the obstetrical nursing and physician staff, including the family physicians who practice obstetrics. We also have excellent relationships with our pediatric team at our level 2 facility.

Our Practice's homebirth rate is approximately 50%. Our scope includes managing epidurals at our level 1.5 and level 2 hospital, but requires a transfer of care for oxytocin. Many of our clients are highly motivated to have a natural birth and avoid medical intervention. As such we offer midwifery-led induction options including foley catheter insertion, castor oil and other natural induction or labour encouragement techniques. Hydrotherapy is widely used at our practice in and out of hospital. One of our hospitals has a large birthing tub clients can use to labour in. We are very supportive of clients planning a trial of labour after cesarean section.

At Countryside many of our clients have connections to the Anabaptist Community, several of whom travel by horse and buggy and do not have OHIP. Experience with this particular client population is an asset but not a requirement. We offer home antenatal visits to clients who travel by horse and buggy and to those with transportation barriers.

We work as a large practice out of Milverton and Palmerston with a satellite clinic in Mount Forest. There is some flexibility for where the successful candidate chooses to live and this can be discussed in more detail at an interview. We strive to preserve the sustainability of midwifery and the midwives at our practice highly value work-life balance. We prioritize support for each other to achieve safe clinical care by providing clinic and visit coverage, sleep relief and regular check-ins. Many of our midwives have been working for several years and enjoy providing mentorship to new midwives at our practice.

In our community there is a lot to explore and discover. The growing communities of Listowel, Harriston and Mount Forest are offering up new places to eat and shop on a regular basis. Stratford has a busy artistic community and there are many farms throughout the area. You are a short drive to Kitchener-Waterloo, and the beach on the shores of Lake Huron.

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