

## **Seeking locum midwives for midwife-led birth centre in Trinidad**

Mamatoto Resource and Birth Centre, located in Port of Spain Trinidad and Tobago, is seeking qualified midwives for ongoing short-term placements commencing in April 2023. A four-week minimum commitment is required.

Established in 2008, Mamatoto is the only midwife-led freestanding birth centre in the English-speaking Caribbean. A team of local and visiting midwives provides evidence-based antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal care. Births are usually attended by a midwife, a midwife assistant, and a doula. Arrangements are in place with backup physicians and hospitals as indicated.

Mamatoto is currently undergoing an expansion of services. Highly-motivated midwives who would like the opportunity to participate in this initiative are invited to apply.

### Job description and responsibilities:

- Four weeks on call (time off call negotiable)
- Approximately 2-4 estimated due dates per month
- Labour and birth at Mamatoto; no hospital privileges
- Antenatal, postnatal and newborn care (appointments 3 days per week)
- Midwife meetings once a week
- Expectation to review and revise practice protocols, using ICM and WHO guidelines
- Opportunity to participate in prenatal, lactation, and bereavement education, as well as community outreach
- Possibility to participate in mentorship of students and interns
- Handover to host midwife or incoming locum

**As guests of this island and health facility, foreign-trained midwives are expected to conform to local standards with regard to professional schedule, etiquette, and attire.**

**This is an unpaid position and the locum midwife is responsible for airfare and day-to-day expenses.**

### Successful applicants will enjoy:

- Airport transfers on arrival and departure
- Accommodations close to the birth centre may be arranged if needed
- Cell phone for work purposes
- Contact information for reliable drivers if needed (at applicant's expense)
- Cultural immersion and experience providing midwifery care in a unique setting
- Local midwife available at all times for orientation and support
- Administrative staff support on clinic days
- Feedback, evaluation, and professional reference may be provided if appropriate

### Qualifications:

- Certified/Licensed/Registered Midwife/Nurse Midwife in good standing with home country's regulatory body
- Trained in newborn resuscitation, CPR, emergency skills for labour and birth
- Suturing and intravenous skills required
- Experience with out-of-hospital birth and referral to hospital an asset
- Experience with water birth an asset

- Fluent in English

Document checklist:

- Cover letter and CV
- Certificate of registration
- 2 professional references
- Proof of NRP, CPR, and emergency skills training
- Travel confirmation
- Signed locum contract (to be provided)

Setting:

- Historic Belmont, Port of Spain, Trinidad
- Close to downtown
- Maracas Bay and other beaches within 1 hour drive (during off-call time only)
- Frequent flights to beautiful sister island of Tobago (during off call time only)
- Vibrant music, entertainment, and art scene
- Markets and botanical gardens nearby
- Year-round tropical climate

Interested applicants must register for one of the mandatory information sessions by emailing [info@mamatoto.net](mailto:info@mamatoto.net) with your name and preferred date:

**March 17, 2023, April 21, 2023, or May 19, 2023.** (12-1pm AST)