

Professional Standards of Practice

The Biblical Birth School LLC

The Biblical Birth School LLC establishes the following Professional Standards of Practice to promote ethical, competent, respectful, and professional doula care. These standards apply to students and doulas certified through The Biblical Birth School and reflect the professional expectations associated with certification through the organization.

Professional Conduct

BBS students and certified doulas are expected to conduct themselves with honesty, integrity, professionalism, and respect in their interactions with clients, families, healthcare professionals, colleagues, and members of the community.

Doulas shall accurately represent their education, training, experience, credentials, and certification status and shall not misrepresent their qualifications or professional role.

Client-Centered Support

Doulas shall respect the dignity, privacy, values, preferences, and informed decisions of each client.

The doula's role is to provide non-clinical informational, emotional, physical, and practical support while respecting the client's authority to make decisions regarding their own care.

Doulas shall not pressure, coerce, or make healthcare decisions on behalf of a client.

Scope of Practice

Doulas shall practice within the established **The Biblical Birth School Scope of Doula Practice** and within the limits of their individual education, training, competency, and applicable law.

Doulas shall not diagnose medical conditions, prescribe or administer medications, perform clinical procedures, make medical decisions for clients, or represent themselves as licensed healthcare professionals unless they separately hold an applicable professional license or credential.

When a client's needs extend beyond the doula's education, competency, or professional scope, the doula should encourage the client to seek assistance from an appropriately qualified professional.

Informed Choice and Advocacy

Doulas may assist clients in gathering information, identifying questions, understanding available options, and communicating their preferences to members of their care team.

The doula supports the client's ability to advocate for herself but does not replace the client's voice, speak on her behalf without permission, or interfere with the responsibilities of healthcare professionals.

Confidentiality and Privacy

Doulas shall respect the confidentiality and privacy of clients and shall protect personal information obtained through the professional relationship.

Client information, photographs, birth stories, medical information, or other identifying details shall not be shared publicly or privately without appropriate permission, except when disclosure is required by law.

Professional Boundaries

Doulas shall maintain appropriate professional boundaries with clients and families.

The doula-client relationship should remain consistent with the services agreed upon between the doula and client. Doulas shall avoid exploiting professional relationships for personal, financial, emotional, or other inappropriate benefit.

Competency and Continuing Responsibility

Doulas are responsible for recognizing the limits of their own knowledge, skills, and experience.

A doula shall not represent herself as competent to provide a service for which she has not received appropriate education, training, or experience.

Certified doulas are responsible for remaining informed about professional standards, applicable laws, and requirements relevant to the services they provide.

Collaboration With Healthcare Professionals

Doulas shall conduct themselves professionally when interacting with physicians, midwives, nurses, hospital staff, birth centers, and other members of a client's care team.

Doulas shall respect the distinct roles and responsibilities of healthcare professionals while maintaining their responsibility to support the client.

Disagreement with a healthcare professional does not excuse disrespectful, disruptive, threatening, or unprofessional conduct.

Non-Discrimination

Doulas shall provide professional services in accordance with The Biblical Birth School's Statement of Non-Discrimination and shall treat clients, families, healthcare professionals, and colleagues with dignity and respect.

Conflicts of Interest

Doulas shall disclose financial, professional, or personal interests that could reasonably influence recommendations made to a client.

Recommendations for products, services, providers, or other resources should be made in good faith and in the client's interest.

Compliance and Accountability

Students and certified doulas are expected to comply with The Biblical Birth School's Code of Conduct, Scope of Doula Practice, Professional Standards of Practice, and other applicable certification policies.

Alleged violations may be reviewed according to The Biblical Birth School's Grievance Policy and Procedure.

Violations of these standards may result in corrective action, additional education requirements, probation, suspension, revocation of certification, dismissal from a program, or other appropriate action.

Commitment to Professional Practice

Certification through The Biblical Birth School represents a commitment to professional, ethical, non-clinical doula practice and to serving women and families with integrity, competence, compassion, and respect.

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The Biblical Birth School LLC reserves the right to amend these Professional Standards of Practice as necessary to maintain the integrity of its educational programs, certifications, and professional standards.