

Upenn Fulbright Scholar Barbara Reale Teaches in *Trinidad & Tobago*

Goals/ Proposal/ Actual Work:

- Provide Teacher Education to the Principals and Educators of the two Schools of Midwifery (to develop skills and knowledge of adult education, theory, and methods including modular mastery learning, distance learning, web- based coursework, problem-based learning, simulation, and seminar-style and expert-lecture classroom teaching; as well as the development of coursework, programming, and examinations.)
- **Collaborate with the Ministry of Health to revise the country's Midwifery curriculum.**
- Partner with the University of West Indies School of Advanced Nursing (UWI-SANE) and The Trinidad and Tobago Association of Midwives to provide continuing education for practicing midwives.

"Barbara Reale came to Trinidad and Tobago and made a great impact on the Midwifery program of the country. She facilitated a workshop for the Midwifery Educators and was able to successfully achieve the modification of a module in the Midwifery curriculum. She has also motivated two of the Educators to pursue the Master's Degree in Nursing. Barbara was also able to conduct clinical sessions for Midwives in the clinical area to act as mentors for pupil Midwives. She has indeed been a positive influence to the Midwifery Association of Trinidad and Tobago and the profession of Midwifery. We look forward to further relationships with her in the future."

Eureka Griffith,
BSC, with Honors, RN Midwife
Masters of Education candidate
Principal of the School of Midwifery, San Fernando

"The sessions were very informative and the exchange of the different models of practice was illuminative."

Marcia Rollock, BSE, RN Midwife
Principal- School of Midwifery, Port of Spain
President of the Trinidad & Tobago Association of Midwives

"I would like to say that participating in the course opened my eyes to new methods in teaching. I especially liked the idea of story-telling and discovery based learning. They were really discoveries to me. Every midwife has a story/ stories to tell, the difference is how we can use these stories as areas of teaching. That is one area I would especially like to explore especially in the clinical setting with some of the senior staff."

Roslind Stewart
Midwifery Teacher
School of Midwifery, Port of Spain



Description of midwifery education in Trinidad

The Trinidadian government has offered hospital-based midwifery education at no cost to students since the 1960s. Despite these efforts, many new graduates do not pass exams, do not practice midwifery, and when they do, standards of practice vary. In an effort to address these issues, midwives, educators and public health officials in Trinidad hope to move midwifery education from its hospital-base to an educational institution, revise their educational programs, curriculum and examinations.

Description of midwifery care in Trinidad

Midwifery care in Trinidad and Tobago is offered mainly in public and private hospitals, and clinics. The scope of care is limited to antepartal, intrapartal, postpartal and newborn care. Midwives provide the majority of intrapartal care in the country. One birth centre, Mamatoto, stands in the capitol of Port of Spain, offering out of hospital care and educational resources.



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