



Building Perinatal Support Professionals (BPSP)

About Our Program

The BPSP project will provide scholarship and support for those seeking credentialing as Certified Doulas through DONA International. We are currently supporting a cohort of 15 scholars for 2021-2022. We will match each participant with an experienced mentor and provide additional training beyond the necessary credentialing workshops to develop opportunities for economic self-sufficiency and birthing justice.

What Does This Program Provide?

Scholarship

A cohort of 15 women from metro-Atlanta will be selected to become credentialed as doulas. These women will receive full support from HMHBGA with the cost of training workshops, materials, and any/all fees associated with credentialing.

Mentorship

Cohort members will be matched with a mentor throughout the 12 month program. Members will have (3) touchpoints a month over the course of the program with their mentors. This could be a phone call, email, or video call.

Training

Cohort members will have access to additional trainings in the areas of business planning, branding, community perinatal resources, and birthing justice. These trainings will be offered at no cost to cohort members.

Applicants Must Meet the Following Guidelines:

- Applicant must be 18 years or older
- Must have a strong interest in working with childbearing families, improving birth outcomes, supporting maternal health, and birthing justice
- Must have High School Diploma or GED
- Must not have previously been certified as a Birth Doula or Postpartum Doula
- Reside in one of the following counties: Butts, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale, Georgia
- Must agree to attend 4 out of 7 total HMHBGA training workshops. On average, we will have a training session each month
- Demonstrate a commitment to becoming a credentialed doula within a 12 month time period
- Demonstrate a high commitment to the program and desire to provide services
- Cohort members can not be staff members of HMHBGA or collaborating organizations
- If accepted and the applicant withdraws participation in the program after 3 weeks of the start date, the applicant will need to repay HMHBGA for costs up to that point. If prior 3 weeks, they must return any materials purchased.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **Can we choose our own credentialing body?**

No, HMHB has pre-selected DONA International for doulas.

- **Will there be any interest meetings to ask questions and receive more information?**

On July 27th and August 16th at 5PM, we will be hosting informational sessions on the program and general questions.

- **Will I be responsible for completing the credentialing program at my own pace?**

Yes, however, you must finish the program by February 2023..

Important Dates:

Applications Opening

August 2, 2021

Applicants Selected & Notified (via email)

January 5, 2022

First Syllabus Session

TBD

Applications Close

December 5, 2021

Acceptance Deadline

January 12, 2022

DONA Childbirth Workshops

TBD

Contact Information:

If you have any further questions about the BPSP program or application process, please contact:

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Interest Form link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSerpik0ENe43-PocPT5q55wpibod9X0c4sOn9iwWPhodYVMGg/viewform>



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