



### **Proposed Merger of Bastyr University and Seattle Midwifery School**

Bastyr University and the Seattle Midwifery School, including the Simkin School for Allied Birth Vocations, are pleased to announce that we have entered into a due diligence process to work out the details of a proposed merger of the two organizations. Discussions surrounding a proposed affiliation began in December 2007 with a goal of establishing degree-granting status for the SMS Midwifery Education Program and a certificate program for the Simkin School courses.

The due diligence process is expected to last approximately six months and will include determining the compatibility of the two institutions, programmatic fit, staffing, resources and financial planning. Bastyr University and the Seattle Midwifery School are committed to the success of this process and consider this merger an opportunity to advance our respective missions to continue educating the future leaders in natural health sciences, midwifery and the childbirth professions.

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