

## **Requirements to attend a Doula Teacher Training Workshop**

Requirements to attend a DONA Doula Teacher Training (DTT) include:

1. DONA Certified Doula (active status) in good standing
2. Trained\* and experienced\*\* childbirth educator
3. Experienced doula, having attended a minimum of 12 births providing labor support and no clinical care.
4. Current DONA member

*\*trained – defined as having received formalized training in childbirth education and/or holding a certificate from a recognized childbirth educator training program.*

*\*\*experienced – defined as having taught minimum of 10 CBE series (or 120 hours/60 classes); to groups of expectant parents (minimum of 4 expectant women, with or without partners per class). Preferred: Certified, currently active, defined as having taught at least 1 series within the last 1 year.*

Before registering for a scheduled DTT, your qualifications must be reviewed and accepted. You must meet all of the above requirements. To verify this you will be asked to submit

- Resume, indicating your educational and employment backgrounds;
- Evidence of experience as a childbirth educator (with dates and times of at least 10 class series, the number of participants, and a class/topic outline);
- Number of births attended as a doula (not as a nurse or midwife);
- Names and addresses of two references;
- Copy of a certificate, or equivalent, indicating attendance at a childbirth educator training, or certification as a childbirth educator;
- Copy of your certificate indicating DONA doula certification; and
- Proof of DONA membership.

You will be notified whether you have been accepted and can register to attend the teacher training.

*DONA reserves the right to select, in its best judgment, those applicants who best represent DONA; uphold and value DONA's Mission, Vision, Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice; and meet or exceed all other requirements.*

Birth Doula Teacher Training is valid for 2 years from the completion date of the Birth Doula Teacher Training Workshop (BDTT). Application for approval as a birth doula trainer and approval of a birth doula curriculum must be made within that 2 year period.