



Student Midwives Association of Canada/ Association canadienne des étudiant(e)s en pratiquesage-femme

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Health Canada
Addressing Racism and Discrimination in Canada's Health Systems Program
Ottawa, ON

Dear Health Canada Representative,

We are writing to express our support for, and intention to collaborate with, the National Aboriginal Council of Midwives (NACM) & the Canadian Association of Midwives (CAM) *Midwives' Addressing Anti-Indigenous Racism and Discrimination in Canada's Health System* project. The Students of Midwifery Association of Canada (SMAC) is the national body representing students of midwifery across the country. This work is needed, and we feel that NACM and CAM are well placed to execute such a project in an impactful way.

We are aware that NACM and CAM intend to work directly with one or more midwifery education programs to pilot course content on cultural safety and sensitivity to combat anti-indigenous racism which is experienced within the midwifery sector (by students, educators, in-service midwives, and service users). We are aware that racialized and Indigenous midwives, midwifery students, and clients experience discrimination and racism in midwifery and reproductive care.

We are interested in collaborating on this process by providing outreach to our membership for baseline data collection and disseminating results and information about the project.

Sincerely,

Student Midwives Association of Canada/ Association canadienne des étudiant(e)s en
pratiquesage-femme (SMAC/ACEPS Executive)