

# MARGARET BUXTON

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A Certified Nurse Midwife and Vice President of Clinical Operations for Diana Health with strong clinical experience and leadership in midwifery education, team building, and management; a passionate advocate for evidence-based, high-value maternity care that extends the range of birth options and provides a caring environment conducive to a safe, empowered birth.

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## EXPERIENCE

### DIANA HEALTH

Diana Health is a network of modern health practices on a mission to set a new standard of women's healthcare.

Vice President of Clinical Operations for a women's healthcare startup overseeing collaborative practices delivering personalized care that inspires, empowers, and supports people to live healthier, more fulfilling lives.

#### **Vice President, Clinical Operations**

Responsibilities include management of clinical site development, hospital partnerships, and leadership of collaborative obstetric teams implementing best practices across the US. (2021–current, Nashville)

### BABY+CO

Baby+Co is a freestanding birth center owned by Vanderbilt University and located in Nashville, Tennessee.

Director of clinical operations for a freestanding birth center. Initially part of a healthcare startup, Baby+Co was purchased by Vanderbilt Health in May 2020. (2015–2021, Nashville)

#### **Clinical Director**

Clinical director responsibilities include management of licensing and accreditation and leadership of a large team of midwives, nurses, and educators. During the initial startup, provided regional oversight for the birth center network with a focus on quality initiatives in collaboration with our hospital partners. (2015–2021, Nashville)

### VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING

VUSN is a top-ranked nursing school with a nurse-midwifery education program rated #1 in the U.S.

#### **Director, Nurse-Midwifery Faculty Practice**

Director of clinical operations for a large midwifery practice at a tertiary medical center. Responsibilities include clinical administration, midwifery precepting, quality assurance, joint quality initiatives, and midwifery program development. (2008–2015, Nashville)

#### **Clinical Instructor, School of Nursing**

Clinical faculty for the VUSN Nurse-Midwifery education program, overseeing clinical instruction, didactic content, innovative simulation-based learning, and academic research. (1999, 2005–2015, Nashville)

#### **Certified Nurse Midwife**

Full-scope midwifery practice in a tertiary academic medical center working in a collaborative practice model that supported shared decision-making, primary cesarean reduction, continuous labor support, and mother-friendly policy initiatives. (1999–2000, 2003–current)

**Kellogg Birth Center Grant CNM Fellowship**

Nurse-midwifery fellowship that included full-scope clinical care, grant-writing, community outreach, and clinical development of Nashville’s first freestanding birth center. (1999, Nashville)

## PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Clinical and academic teaching roles in Tennessee and Washington.

**University of Washington; Lecturer, School of Nursing**

Clinical instructor for midwifery and women’s health education for BSN and MSN candidates. (2001–2003, Seattle)

**Valley General Hospital; Registered Nurse**

Provided intrapartum, postpartum, and newborn care in a small rural hospital. (2001–2003, Seattle)

**Seattle Midwifery School; Lecturer**

Instructor of a pharmacology course for a professional midwifery school. (2002, Seattle)

**East End Women’s Health & Birth Center; Certified Midwife**

Provided full-scope midwifery care in a freestanding birth center founded through the Kellogg Grant in collaboration with Vanderbilt School of Nursing. Participated in community outreach, joint quality initiatives, and accreditation for both AABC and JCAHO. (1999–2001, Nashville)

**The Farm Midwifery Center; Internship**

Birth assistant at the Farm Midwifery Center, providing labor support and midwifery assistance as well as development of professional midwifery education sessions. (1995, 1996, Summertown)

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## EDUCATION

**University of Alabama, Birmingham, Alabama** (2012–2014)

Doctorate of Nursing Practice

**Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee** (1997–1998)

Master of Science in Nursing, Nurse Midwifery

**University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, Tennessee** (1994–1997)

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**University of Evansville, Evansville, Indiana** (1992–1994)

Undergraduate studies, Biology

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## LICENSURE/CERTIFICATIONS

1999	ACC Certified Nurse Midwife	License #9442
1997	Registered Nurse Tennessee	License #RN0000115410
2001	Registered Nurse Washington	License #RN00142756
2001	Advanced Registered Nurse Washington	License #AP30006073
2006	Advanced Practice Nurse Tennessee	License #APN0000007620
2013	NCC Certification	
2019	CPR Certification	
2020	NRP Certification	

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#### PUBLICATIONS

Romano, A. M., & Buxton, M. (2020). A Multimethod Improvement Project to Strengthen Intermittent Auscultation Practice Among Nurse-Midwives and Nurses. *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health*.

Lotshaw, Richard R. MD; Phillippi, Julia C. PhD; Buxton, Margaret CNM; McNeill-Simaan, Edwina MSHS; Newton, J Michael MD, PhD (2020). A Collaborative Model of a Community Birth Center and a Tertiary Care Medical Center. *Obstetrics & Gynecology*.

Phillippi JC, Buxton M, Overstreet M. (2015). Interprofessional simulation of a retained placenta and postpartum hemorrhage. *Nurse Education Practice*.

Neal JL, Ryan SL, Lowe NK, Schorn MN, Buxton M, Holley SL, Wilson-Liverman AM. (2015). Labor Dystocia: A Review of Related Nomenclature and Suggestion of a Common Approach to Diagnosis. *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health*.

Buxton, M., Phillippi, J.C. & Collins, M. (2014). Ethics in Midwifery Education: Simulation as a New Approach. *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health*.

Phillippi, J.C. & Buxton, M. (2014). Twitter as a Study Prompt: Engaging Adult Learners on the Go. *Journal of Nursing Education*.

Phillippi, J.C. & Buxton, M. (2010). Web 2.0: Easy tools for busy clinicians. *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health*.

Buxton, M. (2008). Skin Infections: Rethinking management. *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health*.

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#### MEDIA + PRESENTATIONS

Institute for Medicaid Innovation  
 "Value-based Purchasing and Alternative Payment models: Payment Reform for Midwifery-Led Care"  
 April 2021

ACNM Annual Meeting  
 "Implementation of an Intermittent Auscultation Training Program"  
 May 2019

ACNM Annual Meeting  
 "T-Piece Respirator in the Out of Hospital Birth Setting"  
 May 2018

ACNM Annual Meeting  
“Simulation in Ethics Education for Midwives: A New Approach”  
May 2013

Simulation in Education Conference, Belmont University  
“Simulation in Ethics Education: A Novel Approach”  
December 2012

ACNM Annual Meeting  
“Midwife 2.0: Social Networking Perils & Pitfalls”  
May 2011

Midwives of North American Annual Conference  
“Midwife 2.0: Easy Tech Tools for Busy Clinicians”  
October 2010

ACNM Annual Meeting  
“Midwife 2.0: Easy Tech Tools for Busy Clinicians”  
June 2010

ACNM Annual Meeting  
“Want to Be a Teacher When You Grow Up: Diversifying your midwifery career through teaching”  
May 2009

Vanderbilt Medical Center  
Babies & You Program  
“Common Discomforts in Pregnancy” 2005, 2006  
“What to Expect in Labor & Delivery” 2006–2015 (annually)

University of Tennessee – Graduate School of Social Work, Nashville, Tennessee  
“Conception Through the First Year”  
October 2000, May 2001

American College of Nurse Practitioners 1999 National Clinical Symposium Nashville, Tennessee  
“First Trimester Bleeding” and “Breastfeeding: Strategies for Success”  
October 1999

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AWARDS

Outstanding Teacher Award  
University of Washington, Seattle  
School of Nursing  
May 2003

Excellence in Teaching Award  
American College of Nurse Midwives  
May 2009

PRC Patient Satisfaction Award  
West End Women’s Health Center  
2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013

Founding Board Member, Nashville Birth Collective  
American College of Nurse Midwives  
American Association of Birth Centers  
ACNM Tennessee Chapter  
Vanderbilt School of Nursing Alumni Advisory Council