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Announcing the Midwifery Modernization Act to Expand Maternity Care Access

By By Senator Rosemary Brown

This week, I had the privilege of hosting a press conference during National Midwifery Week, joined by midwives, advocates, and fellow legislators, to announce Senate Bill 1262 – the Midwifery Modernization Act. This bill aims to address the growing challenges in accessing high-quality maternity care, particularly in rural areas of Pennsylvania.

Across the U.S., 5.5 million women live in areas with limited access to maternity care, and 810 women die each day from preventable pregnancy-related causes. Here in Pennsylvania, 9% of counties are considered maternity care deserts, with no obstetric services available. These alarming statistics underscore the urgent need for action.

The Midwifery Modernization Act is designed to expand access to skilled maternity care by enhancing the role of midwives in our healthcare system. By doing so, we can improve maternal health outcomes and ensure that more Pennsylvania families receive the care they deserve, no matter where they live.

This legislation is a critical step toward ensuring safer, more accessible maternity care for all Pennsylvanians.

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Students can also now enroll in spring classes, helping to ensure they get the classes they want at the times they prefer. NCC's traditional 14-week spring semester and 7-week Accelerated I session both begin on January 21. NCC's 9-week Mid-Spring semester begins on February 25, and the 7-week Accelerated II session starts on March 18. Learn more about applying and registering for classes here.

If students need assistance selecting classes or have any other questions, they can contact NCC's enrollment services team. Prospective students can contact NCC's admissions team at adminfo@northampton.edu or 610-861-5500.