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Debbie Hayden-Miller, CNM
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Debbie fell in love with childbirth when she delivered her first child. "Becoming a CNM was just a natural progression for me," she says. "I taught childbirth classes as a layperson for several years and then went on to get my BSN, raised my family, and then finished my training to become a CNM."

A 2010 graduate of Frontier's community-based nurse-midwifery education program, Debbie first came to Frontier because of recommendations from Frontier graduates and because it allowed her the flexibility to continue her studies while working. Her hard work has paid off. Debbie recently received the Thatcher Leadership Award from the American College of Nurse-Midwives.

Today, Debbie owns Laughing Waters Homebirth Midwifery in Sioux Falls, SD, where she serves families who desire a homebirth. South Dakota is an agriculture state, and Debbie lives in South Dakota's largest city, which is surrounded by rural communities. She serves an area that borders three states - Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska.

Currently, as she gets her business off the ground, Debbie is operating on a cash basis and submitting to insurance following her clients' births. Eventually, she hopes to accept insurance and Medicaid.

"This service is really needed in this area as women who desire a homebirth are either delivering unassisted or going across the border to another state and delivering in a hotel room with a midwife. I want families in South Dakota to have a safe, supported and convenient homebirth."

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