

Faces of FRONTIER: *FOCUSED ON THE MISSION*



Shelley McGrew, BFA, ASN, RN, CCE
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Shelley currently holds a position in a for-profit hospital that serves a variety of families from many backgrounds, including those from a medically underserved population. She has served as a labor and delivery nurse in the hospital for six years. Additionally, she has experience as a perinatal massage therapist, labor doula, health/sex education teacher, childbirth educator, antepartum nurse and postpartum nurse. Shelley feels that her midwife-minded heart touches

those she works with in the hospital, however she looks forward to being able to provide a full range of midwifery services to women in her community upon graduation.

When asked why she wanted to become a midwife, Shelley answered: "My passion for women's health lead me to Nursing school with the goal of becoming a CNM. After the birth of my own children, I delayed midwifery school and worked as an RN and teacher always with my goal in mind. Now I'm gathering all the knowledge I've gained in the last 20 years and am becoming the midwife I've always been in my heart."

Shelley discovered Frontier through a friend who happened to be a former FNS courier. Mary Breckindridge's vision, along with Frontier's history makes Shelley very proud to be a student today. She feels that Frontier's distance program allows her to learn and work in her own community, as there are no other nurse-midwifery programs located in her area. When asked to describe the support she receives from Frontier, Shelley states, "The heritage has inspired me. The faculty have guided me. And the students have encouraged me. I feel part of a family and a wave of change."

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and empowering
women's health
care for my
marginalized
neighbors.**

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