

Speaking Points

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Official Announcement of the Bachelor of Midwifery Program at Mount Royal
University

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Introduction

- Thank you Marie [*Marie Delorme, Acting Chair of the Board of Governors*] for that kind introduction and good morning to my fellow colleague the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness Gene Zwozdesky, faculty and staff from Mount Royal University and guests.
- I would like to thank all of you for taking the time to join us on what is truly a proud day for Mount Royal University, our province and Alberta's students.
- Alberta has worked extremely hard to establish the post-secondary system we enjoy today.
- It's this Campus Alberta system that has created a wealth of opportunities for students, while strengthening the quality of our institutions.
- Mount Royal University shares our vision for Campus Alberta and the need to deliver the innovative and important programs that allow students to realize their hopes and dreams.
- In the nearly 100 years since this institution began educating Albertans, Mount Royal University has played a significant role in Alberta's success story.
- That is why it is my privilege as Minister of Advanced Education and Technology to be here today for the official announcement of the Bachelor of Midwifery Program at Mount Royal University starting this fall.

- This first-of-its kind program in Alberta will attract students from all over the province who are passionate about helping women and their families welcome healthy babies into the world.
- How very appropriate that we are only days away from May 5, International Midwives Day which recognizes the value and important role that midwives play in the health of women and newborns around the world.
- And what an honour it will be to have Alberta-trained midwives offering their care and services right here in our province.
- Congratulations to Mount Royal University for making this new degree program a reality.
- And congratulations to the entire faculty, staff and current and future students of Mount Royal University as you take this important and exciting step forward.
- Thanks everyone...and enjoy the celebration!

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