

# History, Birthing Choices, Expanded Roles, & Trends of Maternity Nursing

## *Nursing 201: Nursing Care of Special Populations*

### Planning For Birth

Decisions to Consider:

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### Choosing a Provider:

Physician:

Midwife:

- Non-interventionalist
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- Multiple points of entry
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### Choosing a Place of Birth:

Hospitals:

- Layouts:
  - o LDR
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  - o LDRP
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Birth Centers:

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- Low-risk pregnancies
- Usually staffed by midwives

- Home-like accommodations
- Some emergency equipment available
  - Out of view to feel like home

#### Home Births:

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- <1% in U.S.
  - Medical community believes exposing woman and fetus to unnecessary danger
  - Challenge to find qualified healthcare provider willing to take the “risk” for liability
  - Popular in developing countries r/t lack of hospitals and birthing facilities
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#### The Birth Plan

- Written to clarify desires and expectations
- Specific requests for:
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- Communication with providers

#### The Doula

#### Education

1900:

1950-1960:

2015:

Current Goal of Education: