

Dr. Diana Dowdy - Bio

Dr. Diana Dowdy is a certified nurse-midwife and registered OB/GYN sonographer and has worked in clinical practice for 40 years. Her experiences include private, public health, and academic settings-teaching/ precepting nursing, midwifery, and nurse practitioner students across the Southeast U.S..

Diana's most recent nursing faculty appointment is at Vanderbilt University. Her publications and numerous presentations include a variety of topics on women's health and ultrasound. Her chapter, "Maternal-Fetal and Women's Imaging," was published in the 2019 Global Health Radiology text by Springer. She has been a long-time advocate of integrating point-of-care ultrasound into clinical practice and became one of the few dual-certified CNM-RDMS professionals in the country.

Diana currently chairs the ARDMS Midwife Ultrasound Exam Committee and sits on the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) Ultrasound Education Task Force. She developed an accredited 17-hour women's point-of-care ultrasound curriculum which she teaches to both nursing and medical professionals. She continually researches evidence-based resources and utilizes the latest simulation technology in educational endeavors.

Diana's overseas work includes under-resourced locations in the Caribbean and Africa. In 2019 she was appointed co-manager of RAD-AID's Nursing Program in Grenada where she conducted obstetric and ultrasound training for midwives and house staff. She has plans to continue with ultrasound training and research there. She further plans to assist with the development of midwifery curriculum. In October 2019 she visited a Ugandan refugee camp, helping investigate feasibility of establishing a health center there. In May 2019 she was recognized as a Fellow of ACNM, the organization's highest achievement.