The Philippine Nurse Association stated that in the first eight months of 2002 alone, 7,855 nurses left the country (The Phil.Star//11-24-03). If the exodus of nurses continues for the next two years, majority of the doctors and nurses will have migrated to the United States. It is therefore presumed that the TBAs and Albularyos will be joining the medical force in the delivery of health services.

This research study serves as an initial move to educate these groups of health care providers in anticipation to the aforementioned situation. This will also serve to improve the Related Learning Experiences of the nursing students along Community Health Nursing and Maternal and Child Health Nursing. At the same time it serves as an eye opener for the personnel of the Paniqui RHU to perform their responsibilities as expected.

The researcher focused her study on determining the practices of the traditional birth attendants of Paniqui, Tarlac regarding Maternal and Childcare. It also looked into their personal attributes along age, religion, educational attainment, years of experience, source of training and cultural ethnicity. It explored the significant relationship between their personal attributes and their maternal and childcare practices. Finally, it proposed interventions to improve the practices.

The study made use of the descriptive method of research with a questionnaire, which is supported by interview as the main tool in obtaining the data.