

ACNM DOA Annual Report 1998

Division of Accreditation

The Division of Accreditation (DOA) is the official accrediting body of ACNM that plans, implements and evaluates the accreditation process of nurse-midwifery and midwifery education programs in order to ensure and enhance their quality.

The Division's Governing Board met three times during the fiscal year. Major accomplishments include the publication of the 1998 Criteria for Accreditation and Preaccreditation of Education Programs in Nurse-Midwifery and Midwifery with Guidelines for Elaboration and Documentation of Accreditation Criteria.

The annual monitoring report form for preaccredited and accredited education programs was redesigned and both the DOA Standing Rules of Procedure and Education Profiles: A Directory of Accredited Nurse-Midwifery and Midwifery Education Programs were updated.

The Governing Board participated in the Alliance for Nursing Accreditation and its Task Force on a Joint Self-Study and held two preconference workshops during the 1998 ACNM Annual Meeting.

The DOA Board of Review met in January and June 1998. As of December 31, 1998, there were 47 accredited nurse-midwifery and midwifery education programs. Forty-six of the programs were basic nurse-midwifery programs, one was a basic midwifery program and none were precertification programs. Of the 47 accredited programs, six held preaccreditation status.

The DOA acknowledges the efforts of outgoing members Erich Blossey, Betty Hilliard, Elizabeth Sharp, Diony Young, Jeanne DeJoseph, Betty Schlatter, and Melva Brown Smith.