

ACNM DOA Annual Report 2002

Division of Accreditation

The purpose of the DOA is to plan, implement, evaluate and monitor the accreditation process of nurse midwifery and midwifery education programs.

The US Department of Education granted the DOA an expansion of scope to include the preaccreditation and accreditation of direct entry basic midwifery programs for the non nurse and renewed the DOA's recognition as a national accrediting agency for all categories of nurse midwifery education programs for five years.

After a thorough investigation, the Governing Board decided against the DOA becoming an institutional, as well as programmatic, accrediting agency.

The DOA conducted nine comprehensive education program reviews, reviewed annual monitoring reports from 44 education programs and conducted the necessary follow up. The DOA organized an international conference in collaboration with the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) to determine present and future trends in accreditation. A data management project covering education program data was implemented.

The Board of Review (BOR) completed the revision of the BOR Operational Guidelines.

The Chair, DOA, participated in two Alliance for Nursing Accreditation meetings. The DOA is one of fourteen organizations which endorsed the Alliance Statement on Distance Education.

Heartfelt appreciation is extended by the DOA Governing Board to all of the Divisions volunteers; with special acknowledgments to Teresa Marsico who continues on the Governing Board but has stepped down as the Site Visit Panel Coordinator.