

ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR MIDWIFERY EDUCATION

ACME

Annual Report to the Public
2008

The Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME, previously DOA) is an autonomous body that is responsible for accreditation of midwifery programs and institutions that meet established quality standards. Recognized by the US Department of Education (USDE) since 1982, the goals of ACME include fostering the development and improvement in the quality of midwifery education and assuring the highest standards of professional competence are maintained. It currently accredits 37 programs at colleges and universities across the US and Puerto Rico. Only recently recognized for institutional accreditation, ACME currently accredits one institution. ACME is governed by a Board of Commissioners, which implements its work via a Site Visitor Panel, the Board of Review and Advisory Committee. The ACME offices are in Silver Spring, Maryland. More information may be found at: <http://www.midwife.org/acme.cfm?>

Some highlights of 2008:

- ACME is concluding our regular five-year revision of the Criteria for Programmatic Accreditation. The revised criteria reflect the Federal expectation in which the accrediting agency holds programs accountable for outcomes through documentation. The new criteria will have been distributed for comment and will be available at the May Annual Meeting of the American College of Nurse-Midwives.
- The Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education received a formal name change with the adoption of the new By-Laws at the May 2008 Boston ACNM Annual Meeting. Formerly known as the Division of Accreditation of the American College of Nurse-Midwives, our new name reflects the financial and administrative autonomy from ACNM.
- ACME was represented at the International Confederation of Midwives in Glasgow, Scotland in June by Immediate Past Chair, Diane Boyer. International accreditation is a major area of interest of the Commission especially for the future.
- The ACME Board of Commissioners approved a new position on the ACME Advisory Board – Representative of Public Health. Kaveh Khoshnood, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in Public Health Practice, Division of Epidemiology of Microbial Diseases at Yale School of Public Health agreed to fill the position. The Board looks forward to having his perspective on this advisory panel.
- **Baylor University admitted the first accredited Bachelor to its DNP program in 2008.** Several currently accredited programs are anticipated to apply to change their degrees to a DNP starting in 2009.
- The University of Maryland closed.

Many thanks are due to the dedicated volunteers who devote their time and expertise as members of the Site Visitor Panel, Board of Review, Advisory Board and Board of Commissioners. Without them, the work of the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education would not be possible.

Mary C. Brucker, CNM, PhD, FACNM
Chair, Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education

ACME Commissioners -

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