

ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR MIDWIFERY EDUCATION
ACME

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The **Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education** 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 38 programs at colleges and universities across the US and Puerto Rico and one institution. Financially autonomous from the American College of Nurse-Midwives since 1983, the current ACNM By-laws secure ACME's independence in all aspects of accreditation. 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 2009:

- ACME completed 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 is available on the web site and has been distributed to the midwifery education community.
- ACME continues work on the regular five-year revision of the *Criteria for Programmatic Preaccreditation*, and the *Policies and Procedures Manual*.
- ACME continues to explore issues in International accreditation
- A new program will be reviewed by ACME Board of Review for Preaccreditation, and several programs are in initial stages of development.

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, and to those who helped in the criteria revision process. Without them, the work of the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education would not be possible.

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