

ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR MIDWIFERY EDUCATION

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Annual Report to the Public
2010

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. ACME accomplishes these goals through a peer review process. It currently accredits 39 programs at colleges and universities across the US and Puerto Rico. 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 2010:

- ACME completed our regular five-year revision of the *Criteria for Programmatic Preaccreditation*. 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 *Policies and Procedures Manual* which will incorporate operating procedures for the 4 ACME units and anticipates completion within the year
- ACME Commissioners attended several meetings of interest. These included nursing groups (e.g. LACE and Alliance for APRN Credentialing) as well as the ACNM Leadership Meeting
- ACME continues to explore international accreditation issues by partnering with international health organizations
- Two programs received preaccreditation, and several institutions are exploring development of new programs

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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Chair, Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education

ACME Commissioners -

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Katherine C. Carr, CNM, PhD, ARNP, CNM, FACNM 11/09-11/12

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Kerri D. Schuiling, PhD, CNM, FACNM 5/09-5/12

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