

## ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR MIDWIFERY EDUCATION

### -ACME-

Annual Report to the Public  
2011

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 U.S. 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 U.S. 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/Accreditation>

Some highlights of 2011:

- ACME completed our regular five-year revision of the *Policies and Procedures Manual*. This major revision incorporates the operating procedures for the 4 ACME units and is available on the web site and has been distributed to the midwifery education community.
- ACME Commissioners attended numerous meetings of interest. These included meetings with the Canadian Association of Midwives and the International Confederation of Midwives conference in Durban, South Africa. Commissioner Kathy Carr represented ACME and presented a paper on accreditation. Other meetings involved nursing groups (e.g. LACE and Alliance for APRN Credentialing) as well as midwifery leadership groups.
- ACME continues to explore international accreditation issues by partnering with international health organizations and midwifery groups.
- ACME granted initial programmatic accreditation to the Baylor University for the first Bachelor to DNP midwifery program in the country. The first to be reviewed under ACME's revised criteria, 3 programs were granted continued accreditation.
- ACME submitted its Petition for Continued Recognition by the U.S. Department of Education. The review will be in June.
- ACME and the American College of Nurse-Midwives produced a Policy Statement defining the relationship between ACME and ACNM.

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 *Policies and Procedures Manual* revision process. Without them, the work of the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education would not be possible. With the major revision of ACME documents complete and the submission of the Petition to U.S. Department of Education, ACME Commissioners look forward to planning for continuing quality assurance in the education of students, the advancement of midwifery education, and furthering ACME's role as a leader in the accreditation of midwifery education.

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