

Annual Report to the Public 2012

The **Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME)** 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 (BOC), which implements its work via a Site Visitor Panel, the Board of Review (BOR) 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 2012 include:

- ACME BOR, the body of ACME that reviews nurse-midwifery and midwifery education programs and makes decisions regarding preaccreditation and accreditation status, met on January 23, March 8, and June 21-22. The following actions were taken:
 - Five years initial accreditation was granted to Seattle University;
 - Ten years continued accreditation was granted to California State University Fullerton; Georgetown University; State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center; and University of Indianapolis.
- ACME BOC, the governing board members who plan, implement and evaluate the accreditation process for programs offering midwifery education, held monthly business meetings.
- ACME BOC appointed Diane Boyer, CNM, PhD, FACNM as Chair of the ACME BOR.
- The ACME BOC members attended several professional association meetings related to accreditation and midwifery education including:
 - Attended the NACIQI review of ACME for continued recognition by the USDE on June 25-26 in Alexandria, VA.
 - International Confederation of Midwifery (ICM) 2012 held at The Hague.

- American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN).
- Licensure, Accreditation, Certification & Education (LACE).
- Association of Specialized & Professional Accreditors (ASPA) conference.

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.

ACME Commissioners

Susan E. Stone, CNM, DNSc, FACNM 11/05-11/14

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

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