

Interested in ACME Preaccreditation?

What is the first step in the process if we are seeking to start a new midwifery education program?

Answer: If you are interested in starting a new program and will be seeking ACME preaccreditation, please send an email to acme@acnm.org to schedule an *Exploratory/Next Steps* meeting with ACME's team as soon as possible.

Should we post information on our website or promote that we have a program or are planning to have a program before being granted preaccreditation?

Answer: No. The midwifery program must be granted preaccreditation status before a proposed midwifery program can be posted on your website or in materials. The program cannot be advertised. Posting or advertising a program prior to receiving preaccreditation, can result in denial of the preaccreditation.

Can we start the admissions process or admit students before the program is granted preaccreditation?

Answer: No. A program must be granted preaccreditation status before it can start the admissions process or admit students.

Who should I contact at ACME to discuss questions related to seeking preaccreditation?

Answer: Questions can be sent to acme@acnm.org.

Are there fees associated with the preaccreditation process?

Answer: There are two fees: a preaccreditation fee and a site visit fee that are required. Refer to ACME's Accreditation Fee Schedule.

How soon should we contact ACME if we are planning to seek ACME preaccreditation?

Answer: Whenever possible, proposed programs should contact ACME at least 18 months prior to the anticipated start of the program. For example, if the program is planning to start in August 2023, please contact ACME by no later than February 2022.

When does ACME make decisions about preaccreditation?

Answer: The ACME Board of Review meets 2 times per year, usually in February and July. *The Board of Review can consider an off-cycle review; additional fees will apply.*

What is included in the preaccreditation application process?

Answer: A preaccreditation report (PAR) will be required by no later than 8 weeks prior to the first day of the site visit. The program will be required to undergo a site visit. The proposed new program will provide 3 dates for the start of the site visit. The site visit is a 3-day process.