

Annual Report: Year 2021

On the heels of an unprecedented 2020, ACME entered 2021 with new hope and resolve. Like so many other accrediting agencies, “we experienced a new norm” in the way we managed and functioned. Thanks to our talented volunteers we were able to convert operational and strategic challenges into meaningful results. We onboarded a new Board of Review Chair Debora M. Dole PhD, CNM, FACNM and a new Site Visit Coordinator Mavis Schorn, PhD, CNM, CNE, FACNM, FNAP, FAAN. These individuals along with our team of volunteers made significant contributions to advance our mission in countless ways during the year.

It was a demanding, yet promising year for ACME and midwifery education. We held interests meeting with six different groups that are planning to start new midwifery education programs. In addition, 9 programs were reviewed for preaccreditation and or accreditation. In 2021, the ACME Board of Review held three meetings, including an off-cycle review and awarded the following:

Preaccreditation

- University of Tennessee Health Science Center, College of Nursing, Nurse-Midwifery Program for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Initial Accreditation

- Fairfield University, The Marion Peckham Egan School of Nursing and Health Studies, Nurse-Midwifery Program for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Continued Accreditation

- New York University, Rory Meyers College of Nursing, Nurse-Midwifery Program, Master of Science and Advanced Certificate (Post Graduate Certificate)
- University of California at San Francisco, School of Nursing, Nurse-Midwifery Program, for the Master of Science (MS) and the Post Graduate Certificate (PGC)
- University of Minnesota, School of Nursing, Nurse-Midwifery Program, for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and Post Graduate Certificate (PGC)
- Vanderbilt University, School of Nursing, Nurse-Midwifery Program for the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) and Post Graduate Certificate (PGC)
- Seattle University College of Nursing Nurse-Midwifery Program, Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and Post Graduate Certificate

Coming from a year like never before, we are very proud to say members of our Site Visitor Panel, Board of Commissioners, Board of Review, Advisory Committee, and staff showed an astounding commitment and contributed a myriad of hours and “good cheer” that led to a productive and successful year. They leaned into every opportunity to make sure midwifery education programs provide high quality educational experiences, embody effective

administrative policies and procedures, demonstrate continuous growth and improvement, and exhibit a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.