



# Annual Report

2023

## **Overview**

The Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME) experienced a year of change, progress, and unprecedented growth. In February, Dr. Anne Cockerham ended her term as Board of Commissioners (BOC) Chair, leaving ACME stronger and better. Following, the BOC welcomed a new chair Dr. Eva Fried and a new treasurer Dr. Lauren Arrington. Dr. Deborah Duran-Snell and Dr. Deborah MacMillan joined the BOC. Their combined experiences and passion for midwifery education and governance helped ACME to broaden its footprint during the year.

In 2023, ACME and the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) turned a new corner in their decades long relationship. ACME became an independent organization. This change enabled ACME to manage growth and evolving demands more effectively. Accordingly, ACME launched a new mailing address (2000 Duke Street, Suite 300 Alexandria, Virginia 22314), new website ([www.theacme.org](http://www.theacme.org)), new general email address ([support@theacme.org](mailto:support@theacme.org)), and a new telephone number (703-835-4565).

During the last quarter of 2023, the ACME Criteria Review process was started. Six workgroups were formed to address each of the 6 categories: Organization & Administration, Faculty, Students, Curriculum, Resources, and Assessment & Outcomes. Each group will work over the next several weeks to review and make recommendations for revisions to the BOC. A seventh workgroup will be formed to review the criteria and recommended revisions through a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion lens. The process will include multiple opportunities for stakeholder feedback and rounds of reviews by the BOC. The revisions are expected to be completed in 2024.

## **Accreditation Activities**

The ACME Board of Review (BOR) held three meetings during the year. In addition to reviewing various substantive changes, and other items presented to the board, the BOR granted preaccreditations, an initial accreditation, and continued accreditations (see listing below). Three new programs were awarded preaccreditation: Loyola University New Orleans, University of Nevada- Las Vegas, and George Washington University. The year ended with a total of 46 midwifery education programs.

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### **February Action(s)**

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#### **Preaccreditation**

Loyola University New Orleans was granted a 5-year preaccreditation for the Master of Science (MSN) and Post Graduate Certificate (PGC), Nurse-Midwifery programs, expiring February 2028.

#### **Continued Accreditation**

Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing, Nurse-Midwifery Education Program was granted a 10-year continued accreditation for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program, expiring February 2033.

## **March Action(s)**

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### **Preaccreditation**

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, was granted a 5-year preaccreditation for the Master of Science (MSN) expiring February 2028.

## **July Action(s)**

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### **Continued Accreditation**

Georgetown University was granted a 10-year continued accreditation for the nurse-midwifery education program, expiring July 31, 2033.

### **Initial Accreditation**

Georgia College and State University was granted a 5-year initial accreditation for the nurse midwifery education program, expiring July 31, 2028.

### **Preaccreditation**

George Washington University was granted a 5-year preaccreditation for the nurse-midwifery education program, expiring July 31, 2028.

### **Accreditation Extension**

State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Health Sciences University was granted a 1-year extension for the nurse-midwifery education program, expiring July 31, 2024.

## **Special Thanks**

Sincere gratitude to the members on the ACME Board of Commissioners, Board of Review, and Site Visitors Panel who contributed an immeasurable amount of time, professional expertise, and dedication to advance excellence in midwifery education during 2023.

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