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Subject: Public Disclosure Statement, Adverse Action, University of Puerto Rico, Graduate School  
of Public Health, Nurse-Midwifery Education Program

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The Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME) is a nationally recognized accrediting organization responsible for the accreditation and pre-accreditation of nurse-midwifery and midwifery education programs. ACME took the following adverse action effective December 17, 2014.

#### **Current Accreditation Status**

**Program:** University of Puerto Rico University of Puerto Rico, Graduate School of Public Health, Nurse-Midwifery Education Program

**Decision/Action:** Warning

**Reason:** The ACME BOR has placed this midwifery program on **warning** for non-compliance in meeting the following criteria from the [ACME Criteria for Programmatic Accreditation of Midwifery Education Programs with Instructions for Elaboration and Documentation](#).

**Criterion VI:** Assessment and Outcome, A.1.d. Certification pass rates, as available, for the SER year for programs seeking initial accreditation, and for the past three years for programs seeking continuing accreditation.

**Criterion VI:** Assessment and Outcome, A.2. The passing rate for first takers of the national certification examination is **at least 85%**. Programs develop effective plans to bring the pass rate to 85% if it drops below that point.

Per our [Policies and Procedures Manual](#), the program has until **December 17, 2016**, to come into compliance. For more details about ACME's adverse actions please visit the [ACME Policies and Procedures Manual, IV. Board of Review, E. Actions that may be taken. 2. Accreditation Actions f. Warning](#)

The program received information on the ACME appeal process per our Policies & Procedures Manual.

This action, along with other accreditation decisions, has been posted on the ACME website at <http://www.midwife.org/ACME-Accreditation-Action-Notices>.

Additional information about the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education can be found on our web site at <http://www.midwife.org/Program-Accreditation>. If you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the ACME Executive Director, Heather L. Maurer, MA, at (240)485-1803 or hmaurer@acnm.org. Suite 1550, 8403 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD.