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## **US Department of Education and the NACIQI Board Recognize ACME For Maximum Five Years**

**Silver Spring, MD, May 16, 2018**-The Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education ([ACME](#)) is proud to announce that the U.S. Department of Education (USED) has granted recognition as a specialized accreditor for midwifery education for the maximum five years.

On May 9, 2018, Diane Auer Jones, Senior Advisor, Office of Postsecondary Education, informed ACME of the change in their decision from granting our agency one year of recognition with a request to come into compliance with standard 34 C.F.R. § 602.20(b) to ***granting the highest level of recognition, five years***, without requiring further compliance actions.

After further review of our petition and documents, the Department concluded that ACME is in full compliance with the requirements of the Department's regulations. This high level of achievement for an accrediting agency further exemplifies ACME's commitment to quality midwifery education through the accreditation process. It is our goal to continue to further our mission to advance excellence in midwifery education.

The Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education has been recognized by the [U.S. Department of Education](#) (under 'Health Care') as a programmatic accrediting agency for midwifery education programs since 1982. The accreditation process is a voluntary quality assurance activity conducted by both the midwifery education program and ACME that combines self-assessment and peer evaluation.

The U.S. Department of Education grants the following scope of recognition to ACME: "the accreditation and pre-accreditation of basic certificates, basic graduate nurse-midwifery, direct entry midwifery, and pre-certification nurse-midwifery education programs, including those programs that offer distance education."

ACME services are available to any education program that meets the eligibility requirements outlined in our Policies and Procedures Manual.

ACME is administratively and financially autonomous from the American College of Nurse-Midwives. For more information about ACME, [www.midwife.org/acme](http://www.midwife.org/acme).

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