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Dawn Durain, CNM, MPH, Named to ACNM Fellowship

Silver Spring, MD – Dawn Durain, CNM, MPH, of Hopewell, New Jersey was inducted into the Fellowship of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (FACNM) at the ACNM's 54th Annual Meeting in Seattle this past spring.

Durain's colleagues consistently refer to her dedication, leadership and passion in contributing to the midwifery profession. She shares this same passion with her students as the Associate Program Director for the University of Pennsylvania's School of Nursing Nurse-Midwifery Program, where she has been a faculty member for nine years. In her home state of New Jersey, Durain has served as the president of the ACNM state chapter and played an instrumental role in the work that resulted in the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners regulations concerning midwifery practice.

On the national level, Durain currently serves as the ACNM vice president. She practiced full scope midwifery for more than 20 years and was the director of a freestanding birth center. As an educator today, she has co-developed four new nursing courses at the University of Pennsylvania and precepts midwifery students in Honduras. She also participated in a symposium about midwifery education at the International Confederation of Midwives Annual Meeting in 2007.

She received her certification in nurse-midwifery from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), and a bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She also holds a master's in public health from UMDNJ as well as a post-master's teacher education certificate from the University of Pennsylvania.

Fellowship in the American College of Nurse-Midwives (FACNM) is an honor bestowed upon those midwives whose demonstrated leadership, clinical excellence, outstanding scholarship, and professional achievement have merited special recognition both within and outside the midwifery profession. In light of the vast wealth of expertise and collective wisdom represented within the body of Fellows, its mission is to serve the ACNM in a consultative and advisory capacity.

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With roots dating to 1929, the American College of Nurse-Midwives is the oldest women's health care association in the U.S. ACNM's mission is to promote the health and well-being of women and newborns within their families and communities through the development and support of the profession of midwifery as practiced by certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives. Midwives believe every individual has the right to safe, satisfying health care with respect for human dignity and cultural variations. More information about ACNM can be found at www.midwife.org.