**Public Disclosure Statement**

University of Puerto Rico

December 16, 2014

Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME)

This action notice has been developed for use to notify the public of recent ACME decisions regarding the University of Puerto Rico’s Nurse-Midwifery Program, consistent with the *[ACME Policies and Procedures Manual](http://www.midwife.org/ACNM/files/ccLibraryFiles/Filename/000000004245/PoliciesProceduresManualJune2013.pdf)*[, IV. Board of Review, E. Actions that may be taken. 2. Accreditation Actions f. Warning](http://www.midwife.org/ACNM/files/ccLibraryFiles/Filename/000000004245/PoliciesProceduresManualJune2013.pdf)

ACME’s Policies and Procedures Manual.

The University of Puerto Rico has been accredited by ACME since... UPR offers …degrees. A summary of the most recent Commission actions relative to the program’s accreditation status are as follows.

**Current Accreditation Status**

On December 16, 2014 the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME), Board of Review (BOR), which evaluates nurse-midwifery and midwifery education programs regarding accreditation criteria, determined that the University of Puerto Rico’s Nurse-Midwifery program must be placed on **warning** effective immediately.

**The University of Puerto Rico Nurse-Midwifery program remains accredited by ACME while on warning.**

**PROGRAM**

University of Puerto Rico Nurse-Midwifery Education Program

**DECISION/ACTION:**

Warning

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](http://midwife.org/ACNM/files/ccLibraryFiles/Filename/000000004249/AccreditationCriteriaJune2013.pdf).

**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.

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**f. Warning**

The BOR will put a program on **warning** if it has not complied with ACME criteria, policies or procedures. Examples may include noncompliance with meeting ACME pre/accreditation criteria; failing to submit a Mandatory Progress Report or an Annual Monitoring Report when due; initiating substantive changes without notifying ACME; or failing to pay invoiced ACME fees on time. The BOR will establish a plan for the program to report and document its coming into compliance.

If the program does not come into compliance by the **deadline**, the next possible adverse action may be probation, or removal of accreditation status. For more information about the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education visit our web site at <http://www.midwife.org/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,