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REVISED LETTER

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Dear Dr. Dunbar-Jacob,

The Board of Review (BOR) of the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME) met February 16, 2022 to review the University of Pittsburgh's midwifery program for accreditation. The BOR reviewed the following documents: Self-Evaluation Report (SER), the Site Visit Report (SVR) and accompanying documents from the December 1 – 3, 2021 virtual site visit, and the additional documents provided following the site visit. Following a second review of supporting documents, a revised recommendation is provided.

While the decision of the BOR is to grant initial accreditation for 5 years, ending February 28, 2027, it is contingent upon the program submitting to ACME information that demonstrates compliance with the following criteria by April 1, 2022:

Unmet or Partially Met Criteria

| CRITERION | INSTRUCTIONS |
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| I.O. The midwifery program provides to the public information about the midwifery program's tuition and fees, including the relevant refund policy, and related costs, such as required texts and technology, and clinical site expenses. | Please provide information about clinical site expenses. If there are none, indicate |
| IV.R. The midwifery program provides students with the necessary clinical experiences to achieve the objectives/ outcomes of the program. | Describe the plan to address any inadequacies that may be found to exist in the clinical facilities as outlined in the Instructions for Elaboration. |
| V.A. The midwifery program has an adequate number of qualified core faculty to meet the program objectives/ outcomes | Per the Instructions for Elaboration, describe how the midwifery program determines adequacy of the number of qualified faculty |

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| | and plans to provide an adequate number of faculty if the midwifery program determines that the number of faculty is inadequate. |
| V.B. The midwifery program has adequate number of staff for administrative, technical and student support to meet the program objectives/ outcomes. | Per the Instructions for Elaboration, describe how the midwifery program determines adequacy for administrative, technical, and student support and describe plans to provide an adequate number of staff if the midwifery program determines that the number of staff is inadequate. |

Included is the BOR worksheet that was used in reviewing your program. It details information about the evidence that was provided to verify that all accreditation criteria had been met. Also included is a copy of the ACME accreditation certificate. A hard copy of all documents and the official certificate will be mailed to your attention.

Based on the date of the last site visit, the next SER and site visit will be due Fall 2026 for review at the BOR meeting in February 2027.

The ACME BOR commends Nancy A. Niemczyk, CNM, PhD, Program Director of the Nurse-Midwifery Program and the faculty for their exemplary work on this successful accreditation. The faculty and graduates are making important contributions to the care and welfare of women and families in Pennsylvania and beyond. The strong commitment of the University of Pittsburgh to the nurse- midwifery program is recognized and applauded. We wish you continued success with this program.

Sincerely,



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