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STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Enrollment (Headcount): 9158 Undergraduate; 619 Graduate
Control: Public
Affiliation: Government-State Systems- Unit of PA System of Higher Education
2015 Carnegie Classification: Master's Colleges & Universities - Larger Programs
Approved Degree Levels: Postsecondary Award/Cert/Diploma (< 1 year), Bachelor's, Postbaccalaureate Award/Cert/Diploma, Master's, Post-Master's Award/Cert/Diploma, Doctor's - Professional Practice;
Distance Education Programs: Fully Approved

Accreditors Recognized by U.S. Secretary of Education: American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology ; Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education ; Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs ; National Association of Schools of Art and Design, Commission on Accreditation; National Association of Schools of Music, Commission on Accreditation,; National Association of Schools of Theatre, Commission on Accreditation

Other Accreditors: American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business; Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation; American Society of Exercise Physiologists; Council on Social Work Education; Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs; Council on Education of the Deaf; Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (Computing Accreditation Commission and Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission); Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education

Instructional Locations

Branch Campuses: None

Additional Locations: BLaST Intermediate Unit #17, Williamsport, PA; Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA; Harrisburg Area Community College, Harrisburg, PA; Hazleton Area School District, Hazel Township, PA; Lehigh Carbon Community College, Schnecksville, PA; Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, PA; PASSHE Center City, Mellon Independence Center, Philadelphia, PA; Pennsylvania Correctional Institution at Mahanoy, Frackville, PA (ANYA); Pennsylvania State Correctional Institution at Muncy, Muncy, PA; Reading Area Community College, Reading, PA

Other Instructional Sites: Benton High School, Benton, PA; Berwick Area School District, Berwick, PA; Bloomsburg Area School District, Bloomsburg, PA; Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA; Central Columbia School District, Bloomsburg, PA; Cochran Elementary School, Williamsport, PA; Crestwood High School, Mountaintop, PA; Danville School District, Danville, PA; Degenstein Community Library, Sunbury, PA; Dixon University Center, Harrisburg, PA; Lehigh Carbon Community College - Morgan Center, Tamaqua, PA; Luzerne County Community College, Nanticoke, PA; Marine Science Consortium, Wallops Island, VA; Milton Area School District, Milton, PA; Shikellamy High School, Sunbury, PA; Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA; Williamsport School District, Williamsport, PA

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

Status: Member since 1950

Last Reaffirmed: November 20, 2014

Most Recent Commission Action:

- October 31, 2016: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the reclassification of the instructional site at Pennsylvania State Correctional Institution at Muncy, 6454 State Route 405, Muncy, PA 17756 as an additional location and to include the location within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2018-2019.
- October 31, 2016: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the additional location at Pennsylvania Correctional Institution at Mahanoy, 301 Morea Road, Frackville, PA 17932 within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The Commission requires written notification within thirty days of the commencement of operations at this additional location. Operations at the additional location must commence within one calendar year from the date of this action.

Brief History Since Last Comprehensive Evaluation:

- November 20, 2014: To accept the Periodic Review Report and reaffirm accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2018-2019.
- March 5, 2015: To note the visit by the Commission's representative and to affirm inclusion of the additional location at Reading Area Community College, 10 South Second Street, Reading, PA 19613 within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2018-2019.
- June 29, 2015: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the additional locations at (1) Harrisburg Area Community College, 1 HACC Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17110 and (2) Northampton Community College, 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, PA, 18020, within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The Commission requires written notification within thirty days of the commencement of

operations at these additional locations. In the event that operations at the additional locations do not commence within one calendar year from the approval of this action, approval will lapse. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2018-2019.

November 2, 2015: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the additional location at PASSHE Center City, Mellon Independence Center, 701 Market Street, Concourse Level, Philadelphia, PA 19106, within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The Commission requires written notification within thirty days of the commencement of operations at this additional location. In the event that operations at the additional location do not commence within one calendar year from the approval of this action, approval will lapse. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2018-2019.

August 29, 2016: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the second Doctor's - Professional Practice program (Doctorate in Nursing Practice - DNP) within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2018-2019.

Next Self-Study Evaluation: 2018 - 2019

Date Printed: December 5, 2016

DEFINITIONS

Branch Campus - A branch campus is a domestic or international location of an institution that is geographically apart, independent of the primary/main campus. The branch campus is considered independent of the main campus if it is permanent in nature; offers courses in educational programs leading to a degree, certificate, or other recognized educational credential; has its own faculty and administrative or supervisory organization; and has its own budgetary and hiring authority. (34 CFR §600.2)

Additional Location - An additional location is a domestic or international location, other than a branch campus, that is geographically apart from the primary/main campus and at which the institution offers at least 50 percent of the requirements of an educational program. (34 CFR §602.22) **ANYA** ("Approved but Not Yet Active") indicates that the location is included within the scope of accreditation but has not yet begun to offer courses. This designation is removed after the Commission receives notification that courses have begun at this location. **ANYC** ("Approved but Not Yet Closed") indicates that the institution has requested that the location be officially closed through the substantive change process. The location is currently included within the scope of accreditation but the institution will be stopping all operations at this location in the near future. The institution should inform the Commission (via email at sc@msche.org) of the date that operations cease. This designation is removed after the Commission receives notification that courses have stopped at this location and the location is no longer listed on the SAS.

Other Instructional Sites - MSCHE defines an other instructional site as any off-campus site, other than those meeting the definition of a branch campus or an additional location, at which the institution offers one or more courses for credit. Sites designated as an other instructional site do not require substantive change approval. However, substantive change approval is required to reclassify an other instructional site to or from a branch campus or additional location.

Distance Education Programs - Fully Approved, Approved (one program approved) or Not Approved indicates whether or not the institution has been approved to offer diploma/certificate/degree programs via distance education (programs for which students could meet 50% or more of the requirements of the program by taking distance education courses). Per the Commission's Substantive Change policy, Commission approval of the first two Distance Education programs is required to be "Fully Approved." If only one program is approved by the Commission, the specific name of the program will be listed in parentheses after "Approved."

Commission actions are explained in the policy [Accreditation Actions](#).