



Middle States Commission on Higher Education

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July 10, 2019

Dr. Bashar W Hanna
President
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
400 E. Second Street
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

Dear Dr. Hanna:

I am writing on behalf of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education to inform you that on June 27, 2019, the Commission acted as follows:

To acknowledge receipt of the self-study report. To note the visit by the Commission's representatives. To reaffirm accreditation. To request that, beginning in 2020 and in conjunction with each Annual Institutional Update prior to the Mid-Point Peer Review in 2023, the institution provide further evidence of (1) a campus climate that fosters respect among all constituencies (Standard II), (2) general education program that is sufficient in scope and addresses the identified areas (Standard III), (3) demonstrated and documented use of assessment results to improve educational effectiveness (Standard V), and (4) an administration with regular engagement with faculty and students to advance the institution's goals and objectives (Standard VII). The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2026-2027.

This serves as the Commission's official notification to the institution of this action. This action appears on the institution's Statement of Accreditation Status (SAS). If any of the information contained within the action appears to be factually incorrect, please send an email within 30 calendar days of the action to actions@msche.org.

Please visit the [Commission's policies and procedures](#) for more information:

[Accreditation Actions Policy and Procedures](#)

[Accreditation Review Cycle and Monitoring Policy and Procedures](#)

[Communication in the Accreditation Process](#)

[Substantive Change Policy and Procedures](#)

For questions about the Commission's actions, please contact the institution's assigned Commission staff liaison.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth H. Sibolski

Elizabeth H. Sibolski, Ph.D.
President

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www.msche.org**STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS**

The Statement of Accreditation Status (SAS) is the official statement of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) about each institution's current accreditation status and scope of accreditation. The SAS also provides a brief history of the actions taken by the Commission.

Institution:	BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA Bloomsburg, PA
Chief Executive Officer:	Dr. Bashar Hanna, President
Carnegie Classification:	Master's Colleges & Universities: Larger Programs » Four-year, medium, primarily residential
Control:	Public
Former Name(s):	Bloomsburg State College (7/1/1983)
Address:	400 E. Second Street Bloomsburg, PA 17815
Phone:	(570) 389-4526
URL:	www.bloomu.edu
Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO):	Dr. Diana Rogers-Adkinson
Commission Staff Liaison:	Dr. Kushnood Haq, Vice President

Accreditation Summary

For more information, see the Commission's [Accreditation Actions Policy and Procedures](#).

Phase: Accredited

Status: Accreditation Reaffirmed

Accreditation Granted: 1950

Last Reaffirmation: 2019

Next Self-Study Evaluation: 2018-2019

Next Mid-Point Peer Review: 2023

Alternative Delivery Methods

The following represents approved alternative delivery methods included in the scope of the institution's accreditation:

Distance Education

Approved to offer programs by this delivery method

Correspondence Education

Not approved for this delivery method

Credential Levels

☑ Approved Credential Levels

The following represents credential levels included in the scope of the institution's accreditation:

- **Postsecondary award (< 1 year)**
- **Postsecondary award (1-2 yrs)**
Approved to offer ONE program at this credential level: Pre-Medical Sciences Studies
- **Bachelor's Degree or Equivalent**
- **Post-baccalaureate Certificate**
- **Master's Degree or Equivalent**
- **Post-Master's Certificate**
- **Doctor's Degree - Professional Practice**

Locations

The following represents branch campuses, additional locations, and other instructional sites that are included within the scope of the institution's accreditation:

Location	Type
Bucks County Community College 275 Swamp Road Newtown, PA 18940	Additional Location
Geisinger Medical Center 100 North Academy Avenue Danville, PA 17822	Additional Location
Harrisburg Area Community College 1 HACC Drive Harrisburg, PA 17110	Additional Location
Lehigh Carbon Community College 4525 Education Park Drive Schnecksville, PA 18078-2598	Additional Location
Northampton Community College 3835 Green Pond Road Bethlehem, PA 18020	Additional Location
PASSHE Center City, Mellon Independence Center 701 Market Street, Concourse Level Philadelphia, PA 19106	Additional Location
Pennsylvania Correctional Institution at Mahanoy 301 Morea Road Frackville, PA 17932	Additional Location
	Additional Location

Location	Type
Pennsylvania State Correctional Institution at Muncy 6454 State Route 405 Muncy, PA 17756	
Reading Area Community College 10 South Second Street Reading, PA 19613	Additional Location
Benton High School 600 Green Acres Road Benton, PA 17814	Other Instructional Site
Berwick Area School District 500 Line Street Berwick, PA 18603	Other Instructional Site
BLaST Intermediate Unit #17 2400 Reach Road Williamsport, PA 17701	Other Instructional Site
Bloomsburg Area School District 728 East Fifth Street Bloomsburg, PA 17815	Other Instructional Site
Bucknell University 1 Dent Drive Lewisburg, PA 17837	Other Instructional Site
Central Columbia School District 4777 Old Berwick Road Bloomsburg, PA 17815	Other Instructional Site
Cochran Elementary School 1500 Cherry Street Williamsport, PA 17701	Other Instructional Site
	Other Instructional Site

Location	Type
Crestwood High School 281 South Mountain Boulevard Mountaintop, PA 18707	
Danville School District 600 Walnut Street Danville, PA 17821	Other Instructional Site
Degenstein Community Library 40 South Fifth Street Sunbury, PA 17801	Other Instructional Site
Dixon University Center 2986 North Second Street Harrisburg, PA 17110-1201	Other Instructional Site
Hazleton Area School District 1515 West 23rd Street Hazel Township, PA 18202-1647	Other Instructional Site
Lehigh Carbon Community College - Morgan Center 234 High Street Tamaqua, PA 18252	Other Instructional Site
Luzerne County Community College 1333 South Prospect Street Nanticoke, PA 18634-3899	Other Instructional Site
Marine Science Consortium 34001 Mill Dam Road Wallops Island, VA 23337	Other Instructional Site
Milton Area School District 700 Mahoning Street Milton, PA 17847	Other Instructional Site
	Other Instructional Site

Location	Type
Shikellamy High School 600 Walnut Street Sunbury, PA 17801	
Wilkes University 84 West South Street Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766	Other Instructional Site
Williamsport School District 2780 & 2790 West Fourth Street Williamsport, PA 17701	Other Instructional Site

*Definitions: For definitions of branch campus, additional locations, or other instructional sites, see the **Commission's Substantive Change Policy and Procedures**.*

Accreditation Actions

The following represents the MSCHE accreditation actions taken in the last ten (10) years. For more information, see the [Commission's Accreditation Actions Policy and Procedures](#) and the [Substantive Change Policy and Procedures](#).

June 27, 2019

To acknowledge receipt of the self-study report. To note the visit by the Commission's representatives. To reaffirm accreditation. To request that, beginning in 2020 and in conjunction with each Annual Institutional Update prior to the Mid-Point Peer Review in 2023, the institution provide further evidence of (1) a campus climate that fosters respect among all constituencies (Standard II), (2) general education program that is sufficient in scope and addresses the identified areas (Standard III), (3) demonstrated and documented use of assessment results to improve educational effectiveness (Standard V), and (4) an administration with regular engagement with faculty and students to advance the institution's goals and objectives (Standard VII). The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2026-2027.

August 27, 2018

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the reclassification of the additional locations at (1) BLaST Intermediate Unit #17, 2400 Reach Road, Williamsport, PA 17701; and (2) Hazleton Area School District, 1515 West 23rd Street, Hazel Township, PA 18202-1647 as other instructional sites and to include the change within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The Commission requires written notification within thirty days that the sites cease to operate as additional locations. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2018-2019.

March 5, 2018

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the additional location at Bucks County Community College, 275 Swamp Road, Newtown, PA 18940 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. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2018-2019.

- October 30, 2017**
October 31, 2016
- To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the first Postsecondary Award/Cert/Diploma (≥ 1 year, < 2 years) program (Pre-Medical Sciences Studies) within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2018-2019.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

June 29, 2015
March 5, 2015

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the additional locations at (1) Harrisburg Area Community College, 1 HACCC 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. 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.

November 20, 2014

To accept the Periodic Review Report and reaffirm accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2018-2019.

September 2, 2014

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To approve the reclassification of the instructional sites at BLaST Intermediate Unit #17, 2400 Reach Road, Williamsport, PA 17701 as an additional location and to include the location within the scope of the institution's accreditation. To note that the Periodic Review Report has been received and will be acted on at the November 2014 Commission meeting.

June 30, 2014

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change requests and to approve the reclassification of the instructional site at Hazelton Area School District, 1515 West 23rd Street, Hazel Township, PA 18202-1647 as an additional location. To include the additional location at Reading Area Community College, 10 South Second Street, Reading, PA 19613 provisionally within the scope of the institution's accreditation pending a site visit within six months of the commencement of operations to one of the two sites. 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. To note that the Periodic Review Report, due June 1, 2014, will be acted on at the November Commission meeting.

March 6, 2014

To note the visit by the Commission's representative and to affirm the reclassification of the instructional site to an additional location at the Geisinger Medical Center, 100 North Academy Avenue, Danville, PA 17822 within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2014.

September 3, 2013

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request, to approve the reclassification of the instructional site at Geisinger Medical Center, 100 North Academy Avenue, Danville, PA 17822 as an additional location, and to include the location provisionally within the scope of the institution's accreditation pending a site visit within six months. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2014.

June 27, 2013

To note the additional location visit by the Commission's representative and to affirm the inclusion of the location at Lehigh Carbon Community College, 4525 Education Park Drive, Schnecksville, PA 18078-2598, within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2014.

July 2, 2012

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request and to include the additional location at Lehigh Carbon Community College, 4525 Education Park Drive, Schnecksville, PA 18078-2598, provisionally within the scope of the institution's accreditation pending a site visit within six months of the commencement of operations. 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 Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2014.

June 23, 2011

To accept the monitoring report. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2014.

Information about the Middle States Commission on Higher Education

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) is one of seven regional accrediting organizations in the United States and is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). MSCHE is an institutional accreditor. Therefore, MSCHE examines and reaffirms accreditation for each of its member institutions as a whole rather than the specific programs within the institution. MSCHE does not approve individual programs. MSCHE accreditation does not expire but is reevaluated and monitored on a regular and consistent basis in accordance with the institution's assigned accreditation review cycle.