



## MIDDLE STATES COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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### STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

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### INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

**Enrollment (Headcount):** 3867 Undergraduate; 1513 Graduate  
**Control:** Private (Non-Profit)  
**Affiliation:** Religious- Roman Catholic Church  
**2015 Carnegie Classification:** Master's Colleges & Universities - Larger Programs  
**Approved Credential Levels:** Postsecondary Award/Cert/Diploma (< 1 year), Postsecondary Award/Cert/Diploma (>=1 year, < 2 years), Associate's, Postsecondary Award/Cert/Diploma (>= 2 years, < 4 years), Bachelor's, Postbaccalaureate Award/Cert/Diploma, Master's, Post-Master's Award/Cert/Diploma, Doctor's - Professional Practice, Doctor's - Research/Scholarship (Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA));  
**Distance Education Programs:** Fully Approved

**Accreditors Recognized by U.S. Secretary of Education:** American Occupational Therapy Association, Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education, American Physical Therapy Association, Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) , Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA)

### Instructional Locations

**Branch Campuses:** None

**Additional Locations:** Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA; Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre, PA

**Other Instructional Sites:** Geisinger AtlantiCare, Atlantic City, NJ; Geisinger Holy Spirit Health Care - Camp Hill, Camp Hill, PA; Geisinger Lewistown Hospital, Lewistown, PA; Geisinger Shamokin Area Community Hospital, Coal Township, PA; Geisinger-Bloomsburg Hospital, Bloomsburg, PA; Geisinger-Community Medical Center, Scranton, PA

## **ACCREDITATION INFORMATION**

**Status:** Member since 1927

**Last Reaffirmed:** November 20, 2014

### **Most Recent Commission Action:**

May 1, 2017: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the first Doctor's - Research/Scholarship degree, Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA), within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2018-2019.

### **Brief History Since Last Comprehensive Evaluation:**

November 20, 2014: To accept the monitoring report and to note the visit by the Commission's representatives. To remove the warning because the institution is now in compliance with Standard 14 (Assessment of Student Learning) and to reaffirm accreditation. To request a monitoring report, due April 1, 2016, documenting further implementation of an organized and sustained assessment process for all programs, including general education, with evidence that results are used to improve teaching and learning (Standard 14). The next evaluation visit is now scheduled for 2018-2019.

August 31, 2015: 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 of the commencement of operations at this location. To remind the institution of the request for a monitoring report, due April 1, 2016, documenting further implementation of an organized and sustained assessment process for all programs, including general education, with evidence that results are used to improve teaching and learning (Standard 14). The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2018-2019.

June 23, 2016: To accept the monitoring report.

June 23, 2016: To note the visit by the Commission's representative and to affirm inclusion of the additional location at the Geisinger Medical Center, 100 North Academy Avenue, Danville, PA 17822 within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2018-2019.

June 27, 2016: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To approve the reclassification of the instructional site at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, 1000 E. Mountain Blvd., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711 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.

**Next Self-Study Evaluation:** 2018 - 2019

**Date Printed:** May 15, 2018

## 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](mailto: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](#).