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STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Enrollment (Headcount): 86 Graduate
Control: Public
Affiliation: Government-State Systems- The University System of Maryland
2015 Carnegie Classification: Not classified
Approved Degree Levels: Master's, Doctor's - Research/Scholarship;
Distance Education Programs: Fully Approved
Accreditors Recognized by U.S. Secretary of Education: n/a

Instructional Locations

Branch Campuses: None
Additional Locations: None
Other Instructional Sites: None

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

Status: Member since 2016
Last Reaffirmed: n/a

Most Recent Commission Action:

March 3, 2016: To grant accreditation. To request a progress report, due April 1, 2018, documenting further implementation and evidence of (1) assessment results that are shared and discussed with appropriate constituents and used in institutional planning, resource allocation, and renewal with sufficient simplicity, detail and ownership to be sustainable (Standards 2 and 7); and (2) clearly articulated statements of expected student learning outcomes at all levels and for all programs (Standards 11 and 14). The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2020-2021.

Brief History Since Last Comprehensive Evaluation:

November 21, 2013: To accept the Accreditation Readiness Report and to note the visit by the Commission's representatives. To grant Candidate for Accreditation status, and to invite the institution to initiate self-study in preparation for an evaluation visit in 2015-2016. To note that Candidate for Accreditation status is an indication that the institution is progressing toward, but is not assured

of, accreditation.

Next Self-Study Evaluation: 2020 - 2021

Date Printed: September 29, 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](#).