



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.

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Accreditation Summary

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

Phase: Accredited

Status: Accreditation Reaffirmed

Candidate Status Granted: 2009

Accreditation Granted: 2014

Last Reaffirmation: 2019

Next Self-Study Evaluation: 2026-2027

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:

- **Associate's Degree or Equivalent**

Included within the scope to offer ONE program: Associates Degree in Nursing

- **Master's Degree or Equivalent**

Included within the scope:

- **Doctor's Degree - Professional Practice**

Included within the scope:

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
Baruch S. Blumberg Institute 3805 Old Easton Rd Doylestown, PA 18902	Additional Location
Geisinger College of Health Sciences, School of Nursing 426 Maple Ave Lewistown, PA 17044	Additional Location
AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center 1925 Pacific Avenue Atlantic City, NJ 08401	Other Instructional Site
Danville Regional Campus Geisinger Medical Center, 100 North Academy Avenue Danville, PA 17822	Other Instructional Site
Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre 25 Church Street, Fourth Floor Wilkes-Barre, PA 18764	Other Instructional Site
Guthrie Regional Campus 1 Guthrie Square Sayre, PA 18840	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.

February 21, 2023

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the additional location at 426 Maple Ave, Lewiston, PA 17044 within the institution's scope of accreditation. To require immediate notification when instruction commences at the additional location. To direct a substantive change site visit as soon as practicable but no later than six months after the commencement of instruction at the additional location. To require written evidence of approvals from all necessary licensing, regulatory, or other legal entities as necessary, including the United States Department of Education. To note that the Commission may rescind this action if instruction does not commence within one calendar year from the date of this action. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2026-2027.

April 16, 2020

To acknowledge receipt of formal written notice from the institution in response to the Commission's request of March 9, 2020. To temporarily waive Substantive Change Policy and Procedures and allow the use of distance education to accommodate students impacted by coronavirus (COVID-19) interruptions, in accordance with United States Department of Education (USDE) guidelines published March 5, 2020. Continued use of distance education beyond the limitations of USDE guidelines will require substantive change approval in accordance with Substantive Change Policy and Procedures. This flexibility is not available for clock-hour courses that lead to licensure if the licensing body will not accept distance learning courses or hours or give credit for them toward the number of hours a student must complete. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2026-2027.

June 27, 2019

To acknowledge receipt of the self-study report. To note the visit by the Commission's representatives. To reaffirm accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2026-2027.

April 30, 2019

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the first alternative delivery method-distance education program (Master of Biomedical Science program) within the scope of accreditation. To note that the Commission may rescind this action if the requested substantive change is not implemented within one calendar year from the date of this action. To note that

the evaluation visit has occurred and will be acted upon by the Commission in the June meeting.

January 4, 2019

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the second Master's degree level program (Master of Professional Science) within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2018-2019.

November 17, 2016

To note the visit by the Commission's representative and to affirm inclusion of the additional location at the Baruch S. Blumberg Institute, 3805 Old Easton Road, Doylestown, PA 18902 within the scope of the institution's accreditation.

November 17, 2016

To acknowledge receipt of the complex substantive change request. To provisionally include the change of control resulting from the integration with Geisinger Health System Foundation within the scope of the institution's accreditation pending the following: (a) documentation of receipt of required federal and state approvals; and (b) a site visit to occur within six months of the effective date of the completed change of control. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2018-2019.

June 23, 2016

To accept the progress report. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2018-2019.

January 4, 2016

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include provisionally the additional location at Baruch S. Blumberg Institute, 3805 Old Easton Road, Doylestown, PA 18902 within the scope of the institution's accreditation pending a site visit within six months of commencing 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. To remind the institution of the Commission's request of June 26, 2014 for a progress report due April 1, 2016. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2018-2019.

June 26, 2014

To grant accreditation. To request a progress report, due April 1, 2016, documenting (1) continued implementation of strategies to measure and assess the level of, and efficient utilization of, institutional resources required to support the institution's mission and goals (Standard 3); (2) implementation of the plan to expand board membership and increase its diversity (Standard 4); (3) implementation of an oversight structure for institutional assessment that is

sufficiently simple, practical, detailed and owned by the institution to be sustainable (Standard 7); and (4) continued implementation of the faculty recruitment plan (Standard 10). The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2018-2019.

August 23, 2012

To acknowledge receipt of the institution's request to postpone the evaluation visit and to grant the postponement. The evaluation is now scheduled for 2013-2014.

November 1, 2011

To acknowledge the substantive change request and to include the change of control within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The initial evaluation visit is scheduled for 2011-2012. To note that Candidate for Accreditation status is an indication that the institution is progressing toward, but not assured of, accreditation.

Information about the Middle States Commission on Higher Education

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) is an institutional accreditor in the United States and is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). MSCHE accreditation applies to an institution as a whole rather than the specific programs within an institution. MSCHE does not approve or accredit individual programs. The MSCHE accreditation review cycle is continuous and accreditation does not expire. Each institution is reevaluated and monitored on a regular and consistent basis in accordance with the institution's assigned accreditation review cycle and Commission policy and procedures. An institution maintains its accreditation unless it is voluntarily surrendered or withdrawn by the Commission for cause, after the institution has been afforded due process. The institution's current accreditation phase and accreditation status are displayed on the institution's listing in the Institution Directory and in the Statement of Accreditation Status (SAS).

