STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Fall Enrollment (Headcount): 46809 Undergraduate; 19204 Graduate
Control: Public
Affiliation: Government-State- N/A
Carnegie Classification: Research - Very High Research Activity
Approved Degree Levels: Postsecondary Award/Cert/Diploma (>=1 year, < 2 years), Associate's, Bachelor's, Postbaccalaureate Award/Cert/Diploma, Master's, Post-Master's Award/Cert/Diploma, Doctor's - Professional Practice, Doctor's - Research/Scholarship;
Distance Education Programs: Fully Approved

Accreditors Recognized by U.S. Secretary of Education: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics; Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education; Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education; American Bar Association, Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar; American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation; American Occupational Therapy Association, Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education; American Physical Therapy Association, Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education; American Psychological Association, Commission on Accreditation; Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education; Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs; Council on Education for Public Health; Liaison Committee on Medical Education; National Association of Schools of Dance, Commission on Accreditation; National Association of Schools of Music, Commission on Accreditation; Teacher Education Accreditation Council, Accreditation Committee

Other Accreditors: AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business; ABET (formerly Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology); Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education; Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant; American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology; American Chemical Society; American Library Association; American Registry of Radiologic Technologists; American Society of Landscape Architects; Association of American Law
Schools; Association of Nutrition and Food Professionals; Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education; Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care; Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs; Cytotechnology Programs Review Committee, Joint Review Committee on Education in Cardiovascular Technology, and Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography; Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs; Council on Rehabilitation Education; Council on Social Work Education; Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology; National Accrediting Agency for the Clinical Laboratory Sciences; National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration; Planning Accreditation Board.

Instructional Locations

**Branch Campuses:** None

**Additional Locations:** Atlantic Cape Community College, Atlantic City, NJ; Atlantic Cape Community College, Mays Landing, NJ; Burlington County College, Mount Laurel, NJ; Camden Campus, Camden, NJ; Camden County Boathouse, Pennsauken, NJ; CCM, Headquarters Plaza, Morristown, NJ; Center for Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR; Central University of Finance and Economics, 39 South College Road, China; County College of Morris, Randolph, NJ; Dalian University of Technology, International Conference Center, Dalian, China; Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ; Harborside Financial Center, Jersey City, NJ; Marymount Manhattan College, New York, NY; Mercer County Community College, West Windsor, NJ; National Library of Singapore, 100 Victoria Street, Singapore; Neptune Township School District, Neptune, NJ; Newark Campus, Newark, NJ; Newark City Hall, Newark, NJ; PHH Training Center, Mount Laurel, NJ; Plaza Business Centre, Shanghai, China; Plaza Conference Centre, Beijing, China; Raritan Valley Community College, North Branch, NJ; Rider University, Lawrenceville, NJ; Rutgers University - Newark Institute at NENU, Northeast Normal University, China; Scotch Plains, Scotch Plains, NJ; Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel, Atlantic City, NJ; Stratford, Stratford, NJ; UMDNJ-65 Bergen Street, Newark, NJ; Western Monmouth Higher Education Center, Freehold, NJ; Wyndham Princeton Forrestal Hotel & Conference Center, Plainsboro, NJ

**Other Instructional Sites:** American Red Cross, Fairfield, NJ; Bridgewater-Raritan High School, Bridgewater, NJ; Caldwell College, Caldwell, NJ; Camden County College, Blackwood, NJ; Camden County College, Cherry Hill, NJ; Cape May Technical School Practical Nursing, Cape May Court House, NJ; Centenary College Equestrian Center, Long Valley, NJ; Drew University, Madison, NJ; Haddonfield High School, Haddonfield, NJ; Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, Lakehurst, NJ; McNair High School, Jersey City, NJ; Monmouth County Vocational School District, Long Branch, NJ; Octagon 10 Office Center, Parsippany, NJ; Passaic County Technical Institute, Wayne, NJ; Picatinny, Dover, NJ; Porzio, Bromberg, and Newman, Morristown, NJ; Ridgefield Park Sr. High School, Ridgefield Park, NJ; Rutgers EcoComplex, Bordentown, NJ; Wynona's House, Newark, NJ

**ACCREDITATION INFORMATION**

**Status:** Member since 1921

**Last Reaffirmed:** November 21, 2013

**Most Recent Commission Action:**

August 31, 2015: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the additional location at Rutgers University - Newark Institute at NENU,
Northeast Normal University, 5268 Renmin Street, Changchun, Jilin Province, People's Republic of China 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 2017-2018.

Brief History Since Last Comprehensive Evaluation:

November 21, 2013: To accept the supplemental information report. To note that the Periodic Review Report, due June 1, 2013, has been received and will be acted on by the Commission at its meeting in November. To remind the institution of the monitoring report, due December 1, 2014, documenting evidence of (1) the completion and implementation of debt refinancing plans, including the financing of University Hospital debt (Standard 3); (2) State funding of University Hospital to ensure the integrity of the clinical and educational programs held there (Standard 3); (3) five-year financial forecasts related to a new strategic plan and including costs of IT integration (Standards 2 and 3); (4) the development and implementation of a long-term strategy for capital reinvestment to address critical deferred maintenance needs related to equipment and facilities transferred from UMDNJ to Rutgers (Standards 2 and 3); (5) further development and implementation of new governance structures (Standard 4); (6) the alignment of policies and procedures for faculty and staff, including those subject to negotiated agreements (Standards 4, 5 and 6). A small team visit will follow.

November 21, 2013: To accept the Periodic Review Report and to reaffirm accreditation. To remind the institution of a monitoring report, due December 1, 2014, documenting evidence of (1) the completion and implementation of debt refinancing plans, including the financing of University Hospital debt (Standard 3); (2) State funding of University Hospital to ensure the integrity of the clinical and educational programs held there (Standard 3); (3) five-year financial forecasts related to a new strategic plan and including costs of IT integration (Standards 2 and 3); (4) the development and implementation of a long-term strategy for capital reinvestment to address critical deferred maintenance needs related to equipment and facilities transferred from UMDNJ to Rutgers (Standards 2 and 3); (5) further development and implementation of new governance structures (Standard 4); (6) the alignment of policies and procedures for faculty and staff, including those subject to negotiated agreements (Standards 4, 5 and 6). A small team visit will follow. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2017-2018.

April 28, 2014: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the additional location at the Center for Puerto Rico, Urb. Santa Rita, 1012 Gonzalez Street, San Juan, PR 00925 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. To remind the institution of a monitoring report, due December 1, 2014, documenting
evidence of (1) the completion and implementation of debt refinancing plans, including the financing of University Hospital debt (Standard 3); (2) State funding of University Hospital to ensure the integrity of the clinical and educational programs held there (Standard 3); (3) five-year financial forecasts related to a new strategic plan and including costs of IT integration (Standards 2 and 3); (4) the development and implementation of a long-term strategy for capital reinvestment to address critical deferred maintenance needs related to equipment and facilities transferred from UMDNJ to Rutgers (Standards 2 and 3); (5) further development and implementation of new governance structures (Standard 4); and (6) the alignment of policies and procedures for faculty and staff, including those subject to negotiated agreements (Standards 4, 5 and 6). A small team visit will follow. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2017-2018.

June 30, 2014: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request and to include the additional locations at (1) Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550 and (2) Marymount Manhattan College, 221 East 71st Street, New York, NY 10021 within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The Commission requires written notification within thirty days of the commencement of operations at this/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. To remind the institution of the monitoring report, due December 1, 2014, documenting evidence of (1) the completion and implementation of debt refinancing plans, including the financing of University Hospital debt (Standard 3); (2) State funding of University Hospital to ensure the integrity of the clinical and educational programs held there (Standard 3); (3) five-year financial forecasts related to a new strategic plan and including costs of IT integration (Standards 2 and 3); (4) the development and implementation of a long-term strategy for capital reinvestment to address critical deferred maintenance needs related to equipment and facilities transferred from UMDNJ to Rutgers (Standards 2 and 3); (5) further development and implementation of new governance structures (Standard 4); and (6) the alignment of policies and procedures for faculty and staff, including those subject to negotiated agreements (Standards 4, 5 and 6). A small team visit will follow. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2017-2018.

April 27, 2015: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the additional location at County College of Morris, 214 Center Grove Road, Randolph, New Jersey 07869. 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 December 1, 2014 monitoring report and small team visit will be acted at the June Commission meeting. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2017-2018.

June 25, 2015: To accept the monitoring report and to note the visit by the Commission's representatives. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2017-2018.

Next Self-Study Evaluation: 2017 - 2018
DEFINITIONS

Branch Campus - A location of an institution that is geographically apart and independent of the main campus of the institution. The location is independent if the location: 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.

Additional Location - A location, other than a branch campus, that is geographically apart from the main campus and at which the institution offers at least 50 percent of an educational program. 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.

Other Instructional Sites - A location, other than a branch campus or additional location, at which the institution offers one or more courses for credit.

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."

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION ACTIONS

An institution's accreditation continues unless it is explicitly withdrawn or the institution voluntarily allows its accreditation to lapse. In addition to reviewing the institution's accreditation status at least every 5 years, the Commission takes actions to approve substantive changes (such as a new degree or certificate level, opening or closing of a geographical site, or a change of ownership) or when other events occur that require review for continued compliance.

Any type of report or visit required by the Commission is reviewed and voted on by the Commission. Reports submitted for candidacy, self-study evaluation, periodic review or follow-up may be accepted, acknowledged, or rejected.

The Commission “Accepts” a report when its quality, thoroughness, and clarity are sufficient to respond to all of the Commission’s concerns, without requiring additional information in order to assess the institution’s status.

The Commission “Documents receipt of” a letter or report when it addresses the Commission’s concerns only partially because the letter or report had limited institutional responses to requested information, did not present evidence and analysis conducive to Commission review, were of insufficient quality, or necessitated extraordinary effort by the Commission’s representatives and staff performing the review. Relevant reasons for not accepting the letter or report are noted in the action. The Commission may or may not require additional information in order to assess the institution’s status.

The Commission “Rejects” a letter or report when its quality or substance are insufficient to respond appropriately to the Commission’s concerns. The Commission requires the institution to resubmit the report and may request a visit at its discretion. These terms may be used for any action (reaffirm, postpone, warn, etc.).

Types of Follow-Up Reports:

Accreditation Readiness Report (ARR): The institution prepares an initial Accreditation Readiness Report during the application phase and continually updates it throughout the candidacy process. It is for use both by the institution and the Commission to present and summarize documented evidence and analysis of the institution’s current or potential
compliance with the Commission’s accreditation standards.

**Progress Report:** The Commission needs assurance that the institution is carrying out activities that were planned or were being implemented at the time of a report or on-site visit.

**Monitoring Report:** There is a potential for the institution to become non-compliant with MSCHE standards; issues are more complex or more numerous; or issues require a substantive, detailed report. A visit may or may not be required. Monitoring reports are required for non-compliance actions.

**Supplemental Information Report:** This report is intended only to allow the institution to provide further information, not to give the institution time to formulate plans or initiate remedial action. This report is required when a decision is postponed. The Commission may request a supplemental information report at any time during the accreditation cycle.

**Commendations:**

Periodically, the Commission may include commendations to the institution within the action language. There are three commendations. More than one commendation may be given at the same time:

To commend the institution for the quality of the [Self-Study or PRR] report. The document itself was notably well-written, honest, insightful, and/or useful.

To commend the institution for the quality of its [Self-Study or PRR] process. The Self-Study process was notably inclusive.

To recognize the institution's progress to date. This is recognition for institutions that had serious challenges or problems but have made significant progress.

**Affirming Actions**

**Grant Candidate for Accreditation Status:** This is a pre-accreditation status following a specified process for application and institutional self-study. For details about the application process, see the MSCHE publication, Becoming Accredited. The U.S. Department of Education labels Candidacy as “Pre-accreditation” and defines it as the status of public recognition that an accrediting agency grants to an institution or program for a limited period of time that signifies the agency has determined that the institution or program is progressing toward accreditation but is not assured of accreditation before the expiration of that limited period of time. Upon a grant of candidate for accreditation status, the institution may be asked to submit additional Accreditation Readiness Reports until it is ready to initiate self study.

**Grant Accreditation:** The Commission has acted to grant accreditation to a Candidate institution and does not require the submission of a written report prior to the next scheduled accreditation review in five years.

**Grant Accreditation and request a Progress Report or Monitoring Report:** The Commission has acted to grant accreditation to a Candidate institution but requires the submission of a written report prior to the next scheduled accreditation review to ensure that the institution is carrying out activities that were planned or were being implemented at the time of the report or on-site visit.

**Reaffirm Accreditation via Self Study or Periodic Review Report:** The Commission has acted to reaffirm accreditation and does not require the submission of a written report prior to the next scheduled accreditation review in five years. The action language may include recommendations to be addressed in the next Periodic Review Report or Self Study. Suggestions for improvement are given, but no written follow-up reporting is needed for compliance.

**Reaffirm Accreditation via Self Study or Periodic Review Report and request a Progress Report or Monitoring Report:** The Commission has acted to reaffirm accreditation but requires the submission of a written report prior to the next scheduled accreditation review to ensure that the institution is carrying out activities that were planned or were being implemented at the time of the report or on-site visit.

**Administrative Actions**
Continue Accreditation: A delay of up to one year may be granted to ensure a current and accurate representation of the institution or in the event of circumstances beyond the institution’s control (natural disaster, U.S. State Department travel warnings, etc.). The institution maintains its status with the Commission during this period.

Procedural Actions

Defer a decision on initial accreditation: The Candidate institution shows promise but the evaluation team has identified issues of concern and recommends that the institution be given a specified time period to address those concerns. Institutions may not stay in candidacy more than 5 years.

Postpone a decision on (reaffirmation of) accreditation: The Commission has determined that there is insufficient information to substantiate institutional compliance with one or more standards. The Commission requests a supplemental information report.

Voluntary Lapse of Accreditation: The institution has allowed its accreditation to lapse by not completing required obligations. The institution is no longer a member of the Commission upon the determined date that accreditation will cease.

Non-Compliance Actions

Warning: A Warning indicates that an institution has been determined by the Commission not to meet one or more standards for accreditation. A follow-up report, called a monitoring report, is required to demonstrate that the institution has made appropriate improvements to bring itself into compliance.

Probation: Probation indicates that an institution has been determined by the Commission not to meet one or more standards for accreditation and is an indication of a serious concern on the part of the Commission regarding the level and/or scope of non-compliance issues related to the standards. The Commission will place an institution on Probation if the Commission is concerned about one or more of the following:

1. the adequacy of the education provided by the institution;
2. the institution’s capacity to make appropriate improvements in a timely fashion; or
3. the institution’s capacity to sustain itself in the long term.

Probation is often, but need not always be, preceded by an action of Warning or Postponement. If the Commission had previously postponed a decision or placed the institution on Warning, the Commission may place the institution on Probation if it determines that the institution has failed to address satisfactorily the Commission’s concerns in the prior action of postponement or warning regarding compliance with Commission standards. This action is accompanied by a request for a monitoring report, and a special visit follows. Probation may, but need not always, precede an action of Show Cause.

By federal regulation, the Commission must take immediate action to withdraw accreditation if an institution is out of compliance with accreditation standards for two years, unless the time is extended for good cause.

Show Cause: An institution is asked to demonstrate why its accreditation should not be withdrawn. A written report from the institution (including a teach out plan) and a follow-up team visit are required. The institution has the opportunity to appear before the Commission when the Commission meets to consider the institution's Show Cause status. Show Cause may occur during or at the end of the two-year Probation period, or at any time the Commission determines that an institution must demonstrate why its accreditation should not be withdrawn (i.e. Probation is not a necessary precursor to Show Cause).

Adverse Actions

Withdrawal of Accreditation: An institution’s candidate or accredited status is withdrawn and with it, membership in the association. If the institution appeals this action, its accreditation remains in effect until the appeal is completed.

Denial of Accreditation: An institution is denied initial accreditation because it does not meet the Commission’s requirements of affiliation or accreditation standards during the period allowed for candidacy. If the institution appeals this action, its candidacy remains in effect until the appeal is completed.

Appeal: The withdrawal or denial of candidacy or accreditation may be appealed. Institutions remain accredited (or
candidates for accreditation) during the period of the appeal.

Other actions are described in the Commission policy, "Range of Commission Actions on Accreditation."