STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Enrollment (Headcount): 5822 Undergraduate; 528 Graduate
Control: Public
Affiliation: State
Carnegie Classification: Master's - Larger Programs
Degrees Offered: Postsecondary Certificate (< 1 year), Postsecondary Certificate (>=1 year, < 2 years), Bachelor's, Master's, Post-Master's Certificate;
Distance Education Programs: Yes

Accreditors Approved by U.S. Secretary of Education: American Dietetic Association, American Commission on Education in Nutrition and Dietetics; American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education; National Association of Schools of Theatre, Commission on Accreditation; Teacher Education Accreditation Council, Accreditation Committee

Other Accreditors: Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), American Chemical Society (ACS), Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration (ACPRA), American Association for Clinical Pathologists (ASCP), National Association of School Psychologists (NASP).

Instructional Locations

Branch Campuses: None

Additional Locations: Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, NY; Meadowmount School of Music, Westport, NY; SUNY Plattsburgh Extension Center at ACC, Queensbury, NY.
Other Instructional Sites: Miner Institute, Chazy, NY.

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

Status: Member since 1952
Last Reaffirmed: June 28, 2012

Most Recent Commission Action:

June 28, 2012: To reaffirm accreditation and to commend the institution for the quality of the self-study report and the quality of the self-study process. To request a progress report, due April 1, 2014, documenting (1) further implementation of the strategic plan with evidence that assessment results are used to inform decision-making (Standard 2) and (2) further development of the general education program, including assessment processes (Standard 12). The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2017.

Brief History Since Last Comprehensive Evaluation:

November 15, 2007: To accept the Periodic Review Report and to reaffirm accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2011-2012.

July 1, 2008: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request submitted by the institution and to include the contractual agreement with and additional location at Meadowmount School of Music, 1424 County Route 10, Westport, New York within the scope of the institution's accreditation pending a site visit to the location within six months of commencing operations at the site. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2011-2012.

May 5, 2011: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request and to include the additional location at Hudson Valley Community College, 80 Vandenburgh Avenue, Troy, NY 12180 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 this 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 2011-2012.

November 17, 2011: To note the visit by the Commission's representative and to affirm the inclusion of the additional location at Hudson Valley Community College, 80 Vandenburgh Avenue, Troy, NY 12180, within the scope of the institution's accreditation. To further note the institution's decision not to open the additional location at Meadowmount School of Music, 1424 County Route 10, Westport, New York. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2011-2012.

Next Self-Study Evaluation: 2021 - 2022

Next Periodic Review Report: 2017

Date Printed: June 29, 2012
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 - Yes or No indicates whether or not the institution has been approved to offer one or more degree or certificate/diploma programs for which students could meet 50% or more of their requirements by taking distance education courses.

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION ACTIONS

An institution's accreditation continues unless it is explicitly suspended or removed. In addition to reviewing the institution's accreditation status at least every 5 years, actions are taken for substantive changes (such as a new degree or geographic 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 after it is completed.

In increasing order of seriousness, a report by an institution to the Commission may be accepted, acknowledged, or rejected.

Levels of Actions:

Grant or Re-Affirm Accreditation without follow-up

Defer a decision on initial accreditation: The 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.

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.

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.)

Recommendations to be addressed in the next Periodic Review Report: Suggestions for improvement are given, but no follow-up is needed for compliance.

Supplemental Information Report: This is required when a decision is postponed and are intended only to allow the institution to provide further information, not to give the institution time to formulate plans or initiate remedial action.

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.
Warning: The Commission acts to Warn an institution that its accreditation may be in jeopardy when the institution is not in compliance with one or more Commission standards and a follow-up report, called a monitoring report, is required to demonstrate that the institution has made appropriate improvements to bring itself into compliance. Warning indicates that the Commission believes that, although the institution is out of compliance, the institution has the capacity to make appropriate improvements within a reasonable period of time and the institution has the capacity to sustain itself in the long term.

Probation: The Commission places an institution on Probation when, in the Commission’s judgment, the institution is not in compliance with one or more Commission standards and that the non-compliance is sufficiently serious, extensive, or acute that it raises concern 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.

Suspend accreditation: Accreditation has been Continued for one year and an appropriate evaluation is not possible. This is a procedural action that would result in Removal of Accreditation if accreditation cannot be reaffirmed within the period of suspension.

Show cause why the institution’s accreditation should not be removed: The institution is required to present its case for accreditation by means of a substantive report and/or an on-site evaluation. A "Public Disclosure Statement" is issued by the Commission.

Remove accreditation. If the institution appeals this action, its accreditation remains in effect until the appeal is completed.

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