



## MIDDLE STATES COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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### STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

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### INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

**Enrollment (Headcount):** 6197 Undergraduate

**Control:** Public

**Affiliation:** Government-Local- Maryland Higher Education Commission

**2015 Carnegie Classification:** Associate's Colleges - High Transfer-High Traditional

**Approved Degree Levels:** Postsecondary Award/Cert/Diploma ( $\geq 1$  year,  $< 2$  years), Associate's;

**Distance Education Programs:** Fully Approved

**Accreditors Recognized by U.S. Secretary of Education:** Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc.

**Other Accreditors:** The following programs have accreditation: Respiratory Care - CoARC (Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care) Surgical Technology - CAAHEP (Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs) Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology

### Instructional Locations

**Branch Campuses:** None

**Additional Locations:** Fort Detrick Army Base Education Center, Frederick, MD; Frederick City Police Academy Training Center, Frederick, MD; Frederick County Law Enforcement Academy, Frederick, MD; Maryland State Police Academy, Sykesville, MD; Monroe Avenue, Frederick, MD; Mt. Airy College Center for Health Care Education, Mount Airy, MD (ANYC)

**Other Instructional Sites:** Ballroom Dance in Frederick, Frederick, MD; Bowerhouse Academy, Frederick, MD; Career and Technology, Frederick, MD; Catocin High School, Frederick, MD; Fight Club, Frederick, MD; Frederick Memorial Hospital, Frederick, MD; Head Start, Frederick, MD; Liberty Golf Course, Frederick, MD; Maryland State Police Academy, Sykesville, MD; Oakdale High School, Frederick, MD; Ski Liberty Fairfield PA, Fairfield, PA; Thomas Johnson High School, Frederick, MD; Tuscarora High School, Frederick, MD; Urbana High School, Ijamsville, MD; Walkersville High School, Frederick, MD; YMCA, Frederick, MD

### ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

**Status:** Member since 1971

**Last Reaffirmed:** June 23, 2016

### Most Recent Commission Action:

June 23, 2016: To reaffirm accreditation. The date for the next accreditation review will be determined by the Commission when it revises the accreditation cycle.

### Brief History Since Last Comprehensive Evaluation:

- November 17, 2011: To accept the Periodic Review Report, to reaffirm accreditation, and to commend the institution for the quality of the periodic review process and the quality of the report. To request a progress report, due by April 1, 2013, documenting (1) the continued implementation of a process to assess the achievement of program-level student learning goals and (2) evidence that student learning assessment information is used to improve teaching and learning (Standard 14). The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2015-2016.
- May 1, 2012: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request and to include the additional location at Mt. Airy College Center for Health Care Education, 1902 Back Acre Circle, Mount Airy, MD 21771 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 the request for a progress report, due by April 1, 2013, documenting (1) the continued implementation of a process to assess the achievement of program-level student learning goals and (2) evidence that student learning assessment information is used to improve teaching and learning (Standard 14). The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2015-2016.
- June 27, 2013: To accept the progress report. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2015-2016.
- May 2, 2016: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To note the institution's decision to close its additional location at Mount Airy College Center for Health Care Education, 1902 Back Acre Circle, Mount Airy, MD 21771. The Commission requires notification within thirty days of the closure of this additional location. To note that the evaluation visit has occurred and will be acted upon by the Commission at the June meeting.

**Next Self-Study Evaluation: 2025 - 2026**

**Date Printed:** October 17, 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](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](#).