STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Enrollment (Headcount):  502 Graduate
Control:  Private (Non-Profit)
Affiliation:  None

2015 Carnegie Classification:  Master's Colleges & Universities - Small Programs
Approved Credential Levels:  Master's, Doctor's - Professional Practice;
Distance Education Programs:

Accreditors Recognized by U.S. Secretary of Education:  Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) American Medical Association

Instructional Locations

Branch Campuses:  None
Additional Locations:  Baruch S. Blumberg Institute, Doylestown, PA

Other Instructional Sites:  Guthrie Regional Campus, Sayre, PA; Wilkes-Barre Regional Campus, Wilkes-Barre, PA; Williamsport Regional Campus, Williamsport, PA

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

Status:  Member since 2014
Last Reaffirmed:  n/a

Most Recent Commission Action:
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.

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.

**Brief History Since Last Comprehensive Evaluation:**

**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.

**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 23, 2016:** To accept the progress report. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2018-2019.

**Next Self-Study Evaluation:** 2018 - 2019

**Date Printed:** October 11, 2017

**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*. 