

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.

Institution: **LOCK HAVEN UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA** Lock Haven, PA

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Accreditation Summary

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

Phase: Accredited

Status: Accreditation Reaffirmed

Accreditation Granted: 1949

Last Reaffirmation: 2016

Next Self-Study Evaluation: 2020-2021

Next Mid-Point Peer Review: 2025

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:

- **Postsecondary award (< 1 year)**
Included within the scope:
- **Associate's Degree or Equivalent**
Included within the scope:
- **Bachelor's Degree or Equivalent**
Included within the scope:
- **Post-baccalaureate Certificate**
Included within the scope:
- **Master's Degree or Equivalent**
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
Clearfield Branch Campus 201 University Drive Clearfield, PA 16830	Branch Campus
Charles Cole Memorial Hospital 1001 East Second Street Coudersport, PA 16915	Additional Location
Dixon University Center, Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education 2986 North Second Street Harrisburg, PA 17110-1201	Additional Location

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](#).

- October 29, 2020** To delay the On-Site Evaluation visit scheduled for Spring 2021 due to extraordinary circumstances related to coronavirus (COVID-19) interruptions and to continue accreditation. To note the institution remains accredited during a delay granted by the Commission. The Evaluation visit will be scheduled in accordance with Commission policy and procedures.
- January 3, 2020** To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the second Postsecondary Certificate (<1 year) in Social Media Marketing within the institution's scope of accreditation. To note the Commission may rescind this action if the requested substantive change is not implemented within one calendar year from the date of this action. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2020-2021.
- January 3, 2020** To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the first Postsecondary Certificate (<1 year) in Curriculum and Assessment for Early Care and Education Certificate Program within the institution's scope of accreditation. To note the Commission may rescind this action if the requested substantive change is not implemented within one calendar year from the date of this action
- June 21, 2018** To accept the progress report. The next evaluation is scheduled for 2020-2021.
- November 17, 2016** To accept the Periodic Review Report and to reaffirm accreditation. To request a progress report, due April 1, 2018, providing evidence of the development and implementation of a comprehensive institutional strategic plan that links long-range planning to decision-making and budgeting processes (Standard 2). The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2020- 2021.
- November 15, 2012** To accept the monitoring report and to note that a small team visit will not be conducted at this time. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2016.
- March 1, 2012** To accept the monitoring report and to note the visit by the Commission's representatives. To remove the warning because the institution is now in compliance with Standard 14, and to reaffirm accreditation. To remind the institution of the monitoring report, due September 1, 2012, providing evidence related to Standard 2, that planning and improvement processes are (1) clearly communicated, continuous and systematic; and (2) that they have produced a documented record of institutional and unit improvement efforts and results. To also remind the institution that the monitoring report should provide evidence, related to Standard 7, that institutional assessment processes, including the assessment of the Strategic Plan, (3) include the use of multiple measures that clearly relate to the goals they are assessing; (4) receive appropriate administrative, technical, and financial support; and (5) are being used in institutional planning, resource allocation and renewal to improve all units, programs, services, and processes. To further request that the monitoring report provide (6) data-based evaluation of the effectiveness of all student learning assessment processes; and (7) documentation of the use of student learning assessment information to inform institutional assessment (Standards 7 and 14). A small team visit may follow submission of the monitoring report. The Periodic Review Report is now due June 1, 2016.

Information about the Middle States Commission on Higher Education

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) is one of seven institutional accrediting organizations 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).