

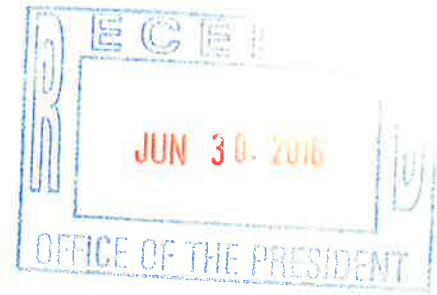


Middle States Commission on Higher Education

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June 24, 2016

Dr. B. Kaye Walter
President
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Dear Dr. Walter:

At its session on June 23, 2016, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted:

To reaffirm accreditation and to recognize the institution for progress to date.
The date for the next accreditation review will be determined by the
Commission when it revises the accreditation cycle.

This action is an affirming action, as explained in the policy *Accreditation Actions*, which is available on the Commission's website.

Enclosed is a copy of the institution's Statement of Accreditation Status (SAS) for your review. If any of the factual information is incorrect, please contact the Commission as soon as possible.

In accordance with the policy *Advertising, Student Recruitment, and Representation of Accredited Status*, the accreditation status of the institution must be accurately represented. Please ensure that published references to your institution's candidate status or accredited status (catalog, other publications, web page) are accurate and include the full name, address, and telephone number of the accrediting agency, and the effective date (month and year) when status was granted. Candidate for Accreditation is a status with the Commission that indicates that an institution has achieved membership and is progressing toward, but is not assured of, accreditation.

Please be assured of the continuing interest of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education in the well-being of Bergen Community College. If any further clarification is needed regarding the SAS or other items in this letter, please feel free to contact Dr. Ellie A. Fogarty, Vice President.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Wirt, Ed.D.
Vice Chair



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STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

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Chief Executive Officer: Dr. B. Kaye Walter, President

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Enrollment (Headcount): 14585 Undergraduate
Control: Public
Affiliation: Government-Local - None
2015 Carnegie Classification: Associate's Colleges - High Transfer-High Traditional
Approved Degree Levels: Postsecondary Award/Cert/Diploma (< 1 year), Postsecondary Award/Cert/Diploma (>=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. ; American Bar Association, Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar ; American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation ; American Veterinary Medical Association, Council on Education ; Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology

Other Accreditors: Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs Joint Review Commission in Diagnostic Medical Sonography Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs Medical Assisting Education Review Board Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting

Instructional Locations

Branch Campuses: None

Additional Locations: Bergen Community College at the Meadowlands, Lyndhurst, NJ.

Other Instructional Sites: Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute, Mahwah, NJ; Dwight Morrow High School, Englewood, NJ; Fort Lee High School, Fort Lee, NJ; Philip Ciarco Jr. Learning Center, Hackensack, NJ.

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

Status: Member since 1972

Last Reaffirmed: June 23, 2016

Most Recent Commission Action:

June 23, 2016: To reaffirm accreditation and to recognize the institution for progress to date. 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:

March 7, 2013: To accept the monitoring report and to note the visit by the Commission's representatives. To remove the warning and reaffirm accreditation because the institution is now in compliance with Standards 7 (Institutional Assessment) and 14 (Assessment of Student Learning). To request a monitoring report, due by October 1, 2013, documenting (1) further implementation of a comprehensive, organized, and sustained process for the assessment of institutional effectiveness, including evidence that results are used in budgeting, planning, and allocating resources (Standard 7); and (2) further implementation of a documented process to assess the achievement of program-level student learning goals, including General Education (Standard 14). A visit may follow submission of the monitoring report. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2015-2016.

November 21, 2013: To accept the monitoring report and to note that a visit will not be conducted at this time. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2015-2016.

Next Self-Study Evaluation: 2025 - 2026

Date Printed: June 24, 2016

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."

Commission actions are explained in the policy *Accreditation Actions*.