



Middle States Commission on Higher Education

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June 22, 2018

Dr. Quintin Bullock
President
Community College of Allegheny County
800 Allegheny Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Dear Dr. Bullock:

At its session on June 21, 2018, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted:

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 (Assessment of Student Learning) and to reaffirm accreditation. To request a monitoring report, due April 1, 2019, demonstrating (1) sustainability of implemented corrective measures (formerly Standard 14, now Standard V) and further evidence of (2) clearly stated institutional and program-level goals which are aligned with each other and with the institution's mission (Standard V), (3) development and implementation of organized and systematic assessments that evaluate the extent of student achievement in general education (Standard V), and (4) demonstrated and documented use of assessment results to improve educational effectiveness (Standard V). The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2025-2026.

For more information on submitting a follow-up report, please see Commission guidelines *Follow-up Reports and Visits*. The institution is obligated to make a full and honest disclosure in its reports.

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 Commission policy, 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.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary L. Wirt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gary L. Wirt, Ed.D.
Chair



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STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Enrollment (Headcount): 16092 Undergraduate

Control: Public

Affiliation: Government-State and Local - PA Department of Education and Allegheny County

2015 Carnegie Classification: Associate's Colleges - Mixed Transfer/Career & Technical-Mixed Traditional/Nontraditional

Approved Degree Levels: Postsecondary Award/Cert/Diploma (< 1 year), Postsecondary Award/Cert/Diploma (>=1 year, < 2 years), Associate's, Postsecondary Award/Cert/Diploma (>= 2 years, < 4 years);

Distance Education Programs: Fully Approved

Accreditors Recognized by U.S. Secretary of Education:

Instructional Locations

Branch Campuses: Allegheny Campus, Pittsburgh, PA; Boyce Campus, Monroeville, PA; North Campus, Pittsburgh, PA; South Campus, West Mifflin, PA.

Additional Locations: Braddock Hills Center, Braddock Hills, PA; California University, California, PA; Carpenters Union Training Center, Pittsburgh, PA; Carpenters Union Training Center, Duncansville, PA; CCAC- Stationary Engineers, Pittsburgh, PA; CCAC- Iron Worker Union Training Center, Pittsburgh, PA; CCAC-Plumbers Union Training Center, Coraopolis, PA; CCAC-Sheetmetal Training Center, Pittsburgh, PA; CCAC-UPMC, Chatham 2, Pittsburgh, PA; Clarion County Career Center, Shippenville, PA; Crawford County CTC, Meadville, PA; Energy Innovation Center, Pittsburgh, PA; Homewood-Brushston Center, Pittsburgh, PA; IBEW, Pittsburgh, PA; Jefferson County DuBois Area Vocational Technical School, Reynoldsville, PA; Operating Engineers, New Alexandria, PA;

Venango County CTC, Oil City, PA; Washington County Center, Washington, PA; West Hills Center, Oakdale, PA.

Other Instructional Sites: Allegheny County Airport, West Mifflin, PA; Duquesne Light Line Pole Fac, Pittsburgh, PA; Mon Valley Career & Tech Ctr, Charleroi, PA; Penn State University, State College, PA; Pgh International Airport, Coraopolis, PA; Steel Center AVTS, Jefferson Hills, PA.

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

Status: Member since 1970

Last Reaffirmed: June 21, 2018

Most Recent Commission Action:

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Brief History Since Last Comprehensive Evaluation:

November 17, 2011: To accept the Periodic Review Report, to reaffirm accreditation, and to commend the institution for progress to date and for the quality of the report. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2015-2016.

January 3, 2012: To acknowledge the substantive change request and to note the institution's decision to close its Downtown Center additional location at 625 Stanwix Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1417. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2015-2016.

October 28, 2013: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To note the institution's decision to close its additional location at Independence Middle School, 2807 Bethel Church Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102. The Commission requires notification within thirty days of the closure of this additional location. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2015-2016.

- December 20, 2013: To grant the institution a one-year extension on the self-study. The self-study year will now be 2016-2017 with an evaluation team visit occurring during the fall semester 2016 or the spring semester 2017.
- April 28, 2014: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the additional location at Carpenters Union Training Center, 261 Patchway Road, Duncansville, PA 16635 within the scope of the institution's accreditation. To note that this action is not retroactive.
- April 28, 2014: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To approve the relocation of the additional location from 222 Third Street, Neville Island, PA 15225 to Carpenter's Union Training Center, 652 Ridge Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 and to include the new additional location within the scope of the institution's accreditation. To note that this action is not retroactive. To remind the institution that the Commission previously granted a one-year extension on the self-study. The self-study year will now be 2016-2017 with an evaluation team visit occurring during the fall semester 2016 or the spring semester 2017.
- October 27, 2014: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To note the institution's decision to close its additional location at CCAC- Painter's Union Training Center, 101 Ewing Road, Carnegie, PA 15106. The Commission requires notification within thirty days of the closure of this additional location. To remind the institution that the Commission previously granted a one-year extension on the self-study. The self-study year will now be 2016-2017 with an evaluation team visit occurring during the fall semester 2016 or the spring semester 2017.
- November 2, 2015: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the additional location at the Energy Innovation Center, 1435 Bedford Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, 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. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2016-2017.
- January 3, 2017: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the reclassification of the instructional site at California University, 250 University Avenue, Morgan Hall -Rm 305, California, PA 15419 as an additional location and to include the location within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2016-2017.
- June 22, 2017: To warn the institution that its accreditation may be in jeopardy due to insufficient evidence that the institution is currently in compliance with Standard 14 (Assessment of Student Learning). To note that the institution remains accredited while on warning. To request a monitoring report, due March 1, 2018 documenting that the institution has achieved and can sustain ongoing compliance with Standard 14, including but not limited to evidence of an organized and systematic

student learning assessment process with (1) clear guidelines and timetables, (2) assessment of student learning in all programs, including general education, (3) documented use of assessment results to inform teaching, learning and resource allocation, and shared with appropriate constituents; and (4) results that provide sufficient, convincing evidence that students are achieving key institutional and program learning outcomes (Standard 14). A small team visit will follow submission of the report. To direct a prompt Commission liaison guidance visit to discuss the Commission's expectations. Upon reaffirmation of accreditation, the next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2025-2026.

November 16, 2017: To note the visit by the Commission's representative. To remind the institution of the Commission's action of June 22, 2017 to warn the institution that its accreditation may be in jeopardy because of insufficient evidence that the institution is currently in compliance with Standard 14 (Assessment of Student Learning). To note that the institution remains accredited while on warning. To remind the institution of the monitoring report due March 1, 2018. Upon reaffirmation of accreditation, the next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2025-2026.

Next Self-Study Evaluation: 2025 - 2026

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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*.