



Middle States Commission on Higher Education

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Dr. Janet E. Dudley-Eshbach
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Dear President Dudley-Eshbach:

At its sessions on June 23-24, 2004, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted to affirm the inclusion of the additional location at the Eastern Shore Higher Education Center (ESHEC), Wye Mills, MD, within the scope of Salisbury University's accreditation and to cancel the earlier request that the self-study, in preparation for the 2005-2006 evaluation visit, provide specific enrollment figures for the ESHEC.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Statement of Accreditation Status for your institution. The Statement of Accreditation Status (SAS) provides important basic information about the institution and its affiliation with the Commission, and it is made available to the public upon request. Accreditation applies to the institution as detailed in the SAS; institutional information is derived from data provided by the institution through annual reporting and from Commission actions. If any of the institutional information is incorrect, please contact the Commission as soon as possible.

Please check to ensure that published references to your institution's accredited status (catalog, other publications, web page) include the full name, address, and telephone number of the accrediting agency. Further guidance is provided in the Commission's policy statement *Principles of Good Practice in Institutional Advertising, Student Recruitment, and Representation of Accredited Status*, a copy of which is enclosed.

Please be assured of the continuing interest of the Commission on Higher Education in the well-being of Salisbury University. If any further clarification is needed regarding the SAS or other items in this letter, please feel free to contact Dr. MaryAnn Baenninger, Executive Associate Director.

Sincerely,

Judith L. Gay
Chair

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cc: Dr. William E. Kirwan, Chancellor, University of Maryland System

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STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

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Institutional Information

Enrollment

(Headcount): 6,199 Undergraduate; 617 Graduate

Control: Public

Affiliation: State

Institution Type: Master's I

Degrees Offered: Baccalaureate, Certificate, Master's

National and Specialized Accreditation: AACSB-International, The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business; Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs; Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education; Council on Social Work Education; National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences; National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education; National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council.

Instructional Locations

Branch Campuses: None.

Additional Locations: Eastern Shore Higher Education Center, Wye Mills, MD.

Other Instructional Sites: Wico County PDS/Pinehurst Elementary School, Salisbury, MD; Worcester County PDS, Berlin Intermediate, MD; Seaford School, Seaford, MD; Western Shore Seminar, Odenton, MD; Wico County/Pemberton Elementary, Salisbury, MD.

Accreditation Information

Status: Member since 1956.

Last Reaffirmed: 2001.

Most Recent Commission Action: In June 2004, the Commission acted to affirm the inclusion of the additional location at the Eastern Shore Higher Education Center (ESHEC), Wye Mills, MD, within the scope of the institution's accreditation. To cancel the earlier request that the self-study, in preparation for the 2005-2006 evaluation visit, provide specific enrollment figures for the ESHEC.

Brief History Since Last Comprehensive Evaluation: Self-Study Evaluation Visit, February 1996. Comprehensive self-study with emphasis on long-range planning. In June 1996, the Commission reaffirmed accreditation; and requested a follow-up report by April 1, 1998, which addresses progress in (1) linking planning to budget and enrollment, (2) developing a strategy for more effective participatory governance, (3) developing a technological infrastructure, (4) enhancing cultural diversity among students and faculty in keeping with the institution's past efforts, (5) strengthening its funding base, and (6) revisiting the mission so that it becomes more responsive to ensuing changes in campus environment.

In June 1998, the Commission accepted the report submitted; and reminded the institution that the Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2001. The Periodic Review Report was submitted in June 2001.

In November 2001, the Commission accepted the Periodic Review Report, reaffirmed accreditation, and commended the institution for progress to date. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2005-2006.

In August 2003, the Committee on Substantive Change acted to accept the substantive change report submitted by the institution and to include the additional location at the Eastern Shore Higher Education Center (ESHEC), Wye Mills, MD, within the scope of the institution's accreditation, pending a site visit to the location by March 2004. The Committee requested that the self-study, in preparation for the 2005-2006 evaluation visit, provide enrollment figures for the ESHEC.

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Next Self-Study Evaluation: 2005-2006.

Next Periodic Review Report: June 1, 2011.

Date Printed: June 25, 2004 (Not necessarily updated as of this date.)

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.

Other Instructional Sites - A location, other than a branch campus or additional location, at which the institution offers one or more courses for credit.