



Middle States Commission on Higher Education

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June 23, 2017

Dr. Margaret M. McMenamín
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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Dr. McMenamín:

At its session on June 22, 2017, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted:

To reaffirm accreditation and to acknowledge the institution's participation in the Collaborative Implementation Project. To commend the institution for the quality of the self-study process and report. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2025-2026.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Gary L. Wirt, Ed.D.
Chair



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STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE
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Chief Executive Officer: Dr. Margaret M. McMenamín, President

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Enrollment (Headcount): 10185 Undergraduate
Control: Public
Affiliation: Government-State and Local - New Jersey Council of County Colleges
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:

Instructional Locations

Branch Campuses: Union County College Elizabeth Campus, Elizabeth, NJ; Union County College Plainfield Campus, Plainfield, NJ; Union County College Scotch Plains, Scotch Plains, NJ.

Additional Locations: None

Other Instructional Sites: Union County Performing Arts Center, Rahway, NJ.

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

Status: Member since 1957

Last Reaffirmed: June 22, 2017

Most Recent Commission Action:

June 22, 2017: To reaffirm accreditation and to acknowledge the institution's participation in the Collaborative Implementation Project. To commend the institution for the quality of the self-study process and report. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2025-2026.

Brief History Since Last Comprehensive Evaluation:

November 15, 2012: To accept the Periodic Review Report, to commend the institution for the quality of the Periodic Review Report and process, and to reaffirm accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2016-17.

Next Self-Study Evaluation: 2025 - 2026

Date Printed: June 23, 2017

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*.