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## 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.*

<b>Institution:</b>	<b>UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>	Washington, DC
<b>Chief Executive Officer:</b>	Dr. Ronald Mason, President	
<b>Carnegie Classification:</b>	Master's Colleges & Universities: Small Programs » Four-year, medium, primarily nonresidential	
<b>Control:</b>	Public	
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<b>Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO):</b>	Dr. Scott Krawczyk	
<b>Commission Staff Liaison:</b>	Dr. Robert Bonfiglio, Vice President	

## Accreditation Summary

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

**Phase:** Accredited

**Status:** Accreditation Reaffirmed

**Accreditation Granted:** 1971

**Last Reaffirmation:** 2016

**Next Self-Study Evaluation:** 2024-2025

**Next Mid-Point Peer Review:** 2021

## 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)**
- **Associate's Degree or Equivalent**
- **Bachelor's Degree or Equivalent**
- **Post-baccalaureate Certificate**  
Approved to offer ONE program at this credential level: Graduate Certificate in Adult Education
- **Master's Degree or Equivalent**
- **Post-Master's Certificate**  
Approved to offer ONE program at this credential level: Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management and Leadership
- **Doctor's Degree - Other**
- **Doctor's Degree - Professional Practice**
- **Doctor's Degree- Research/Scholarship**

<b>Locations</b>
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*The following represents branch campuses, additional locations, and other instructional sites that are included within the scope of the institution's accreditation:*

<b>Location</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>North Capitol Street Center</b> 801 North Capitol Street, NE Washington, DC 20002	Branch Campus
<b>Hanger 2</b> 2801 Thomas Avenue Washington, DC 20001	Additional Location
<b>South Dakota Avenue Center (Backus)</b> 5171 South Dakota Avenue Washington, DC 20017	Additional Location
<b>PR Harris</b> 4600 Livingston RD, SE Washington, DC 20032	Other Instructional Site

*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.*

- June 25, 2020** To acknowledge receipt of the supplemental information report requested September 23, 2019. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2024-2025.
- June 9, 2020** Staff acted on behalf of the Commission to request a supplemental information report due March 1, 2021, addressing recent action by the American Bar Association (ABA) which may have implications for current and future compliance with Standard III (Design and Delivery of the Student Learning Experience), Standard IV (Support of the Student Experience), Standard V (Educational Effectiveness Assessment), and Requirement of Affiliation 6.
- May 14, 2020** Staff acted on behalf of the Commission to request a supplemental information report, due October 1, 2020 addressing the recent action by the Committee on Accreditation of the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE-COA) which may have implications for current and future compliance with Standard III: Design and Delivery of the Student Learning Experience, Standard IV: Support of the Student Experience; Standard V: Educational Effectiveness Assessment; and Requirement of Affiliation 6. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2024-2025.
- April 16, 2020** To acknowledge receipt of formal written notice from the institution in response to the Commission's request of March 9, 2020. To temporarily waive Substantive Change Policy and Procedures and allow the use of distance education to accommodate students impacted by coronavirus (COVID-19) interruptions, in accordance with United States Department of Education (USDE) guidelines published March 5, 2020. Continued use of distance education beyond the limitations of USDE guidelines will require substantive change approval in accordance with Substantive Change Policy and Procedures. This flexibility is not available for clock-hour courses that lead to licensure if the licensing body will not accept distance learning courses or hours or give credit for them toward the number of hours a student must complete. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2024-2025.
- March 5, 2020** To acknowledge receipt of the supplemental information report. To note that additional materials have been received and will be acted upon by the

Commission at the June meeting. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2024-2025.

**September 23, 2019**

Staff acted on behalf of the Commission to request a supplemental information report, due January 6, 2020, addressing recent action by the American Bar Association (ABA) which may have implications for current and future compliance with Standard III (Design and Delivery of the Student Learning Experience), Standard IV (Support of the Student Experience), Standard V (Educational Effectiveness Assessment), and Requirement of Affiliation 6.

**January 4, 2019**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the second Doctor's - Research/Scholarship degree level program (Ph.D. in Urban Leadership and Entrepreneurship) within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2024-2025.

**July 2, 2018**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the first Doctor's - Research/Scholarship degree program [Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering (CES)] within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2024-2025.

**July 2, 2018**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the first Post-baccalaureate Certificate program (Graduate Certificate in Adult Education) within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2024-2025.

**July 2, 2018**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the first Post-master's Certificate program (Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management and Leadership) within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2024-2025.

**August 29, 2016**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the additional location at Hanger 2, 2801 Thomas Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20001 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. Operations at the additional location must commence within one calendar year from the date of this action. The date for the next accreditation review will be determined by the Commission when it revises the accreditation cycle.

**June 23, 2016**

To accept the supplemental information report.

- June 23, 2016** To reaffirm accreditation. The date for the next accreditation review will be determined by the Commission when it revises the accreditation cycle.
- March 23, 2016** Staff acted on behalf of the Commission to request a supplemental information report, due April 25, 2016, addressing the recent action of the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA).
- November 19, 2015** To accept the supplemental information report. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2015-2016.
- June 26, 2015** To request a supplemental information report, due July 13, 2015, addressing the recent action of the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2015-2016.
- January 5, 2015** To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To note that the institution has closed its additional location at Modern Academy in Maadi, Road H 304, New Maadi, Cairo Egypt. To remove this additional location from the institution's accreditation. To remind the institution that the Commission previously granted a one-year extension on the self-study. The self-study year will now be 2015-2016 with an evaluation team visit occurring during the fall semester 2015 or the spring semester 2016.
- July 18, 2013** To grant the institution a one-year extension on the self-study. The self-study year will now be 2015-2016 with an evaluation team visit occurring during the fall semester 2015 or the spring semester 2016.
- June 27, 2013** To note the visit by the Commission's representative and to affirm inclusion of the branch campus at the North Capitol Street Center, 801 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 within the scope of the institution's accreditation. To remind the institution that a visit is required at the Modern Academy additional location in Maadi, Cairo, Egypt, when security concerns permit and to further remind the institution of the Commission's policy on international travel. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2014-2015
- March 7, 2013** To accept the supplemental information report addressing the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. (NLNAC) action. To remind the institution that a visit is required at the Modern Academy additional location in Maadi, Cairo, Egypt, when security concerns permit and to further remind the

institution of the Commission's policy on international travel. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2014-2015.

**January 2, 2013**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request; to re-classify the additional location at the North Capitol Street Center, 801 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 as a branch campus; and to include provisionally the branch campus within the scope of the institution's accreditation pending a site visit within six months. To remind the institution that a visit is required at the Modern Academy additional location in Maadi, Cairo, Egypt, when security concerns permit. To further remind the institution that the Commission reserves the right to delay or terminate accreditation processes and/or status related to an international location if it determines that security considerations would affect the safety of its staff, team members, or others. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2014-2015.

**October 11, 2012**

To accept the supplemental information report. To remind the institution that a visit is required at the Modern Academy additional location in Maadi, Cairo, Egypt, when security concerns permit. To further remind the institution that the Commission reserves the right to delay or terminate accreditation processes and/or status related to an international location if it determines that security considerations would affect the safety of its staff, team members, or others. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2014-2015.

**September 4, 2012**

To request a supplemental information report, due October 15, 2012, documenting (1) the specific reasons for the placement on warning by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. (NLNAC) for non-compliance with their Standards 2, 4, and 6; (2) the impact of the action by the NLNAC on the institution, its programs, its students, and its ability to remain in compliance with relevant MSCHE Standards; and (3) an action plan and timeline indicating steps that will be taken to resolve the institution's accreditation status with the NLNAC. To remind the institution that a visit is required at the Modern Academy additional location in Maadi, Cairo, Egypt, when security concerns permit. To further remind the institution that the Commission reserves the right to delay or terminate accreditation processes and/or status related to an international location if it determines that security considerations would affect the safety of its staff, team members, or others. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2014-2015.

**March 1, 2012**

To accept the monitoring report and to note the visit by the Commission's representatives. To remind the institution that a visit is required at the Modern

Academy additional location in Maadi, Cairo, Egypt, when security concerns permit. To further remind the institution that the Commission reserves the right to delay or terminate accreditation processes and/or status related to an international location if it determines that security considerations would affect the safety of its staff, team members, or others. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2014-2015.

**June 28, 2011**

To recognize the institution's decision not to open the additional location at The Excel Institute, 2851 V Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20018.

**June 23, 2011**

To thank the institution for receiving the Commission's representative and to affirm the inclusion of the additional locations at North Capitol Street Center, 801 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20002 and South Dakota Avenue Center, 5171 South Dakota Avenue, NE, Washington, D.C. 20017 within the scope of the institution's accreditation. To remind the institution of the pending site visit within six months of commencing operation at The Excel Institute, 2851 V Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20018. To further remind the institution of a monitoring report, due by October 1, 2011, documenting (1) further evidence of the linkage between the comprehensive institutional strategic plan to decision-making, budgeting and resource allocation processes (Standard 2); and (2) further evidence of a comprehensive multi-year budgeting process and projections that are aligned with the institution's mission, goals, and strategic plan (Standard 3). A small team visit will follow submission of the monitoring report. To further remind the institution that a visit is required at the Modern Academy additional location in Maadi, Cairo, Egypt, when security concerns permit. To further remind the institution that the Commission reserves the right to delay or terminate accreditation processes and/or status related to an international location if it determines that security considerations would affect the safety of its staff, team members, or others. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2014-2015.

**November 18, 2010**

To accept the Periodic Review Report, to reaffirm accreditation and to request a monitoring report, due by October 1, 2011, documenting (1) further evidence of the linkage between the comprehensive institutional strategic plan to decision-making, budgeting, and resource allocation processes (Standard 2); and (2) further evidence of a comprehensive multi-year budgeting process and projections that are aligned with the institution's mission, goals, and strategic plan (Standard 3). A small team visit will follow submission of the monitoring report. To remind the institution of the pending site visits within six months of commencing operations at the following sites: (1) North Capitol Street Center,

801 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20002; (2) South Dakota Avenue Center, 5171 South Dakota Avenue, NE, Washington, D.C. 20017; and (3) The Excel Institute, 2851 V Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20018. To further remind the institution that a visit is required at the Modern Academy additional location in Maadi, Cairo, Egypt, when security concerns permit. To further remind the institution that the Commission reserves the right to delay or terminate accreditation processes and/or status related to an international location if it determines that security considerations would affect the safety of its staff, team members, or others. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2014-2015.

## 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).*