ABOUT PENN STATE

Accreditation Notice

The Pennsylvania State University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (https://www.msche.org), 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (267-284-5000). The Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

The Pennsylvania State University was first accredited in 1921 and accreditation was reaffirmed in June 2024.

Annual Institutional Updates are submitted each spring-summer. The last Midpoint Peer Review occurs every four years and last occurred in 2020. The next Self-Study evaluation is scheduled for 2031-2032.

According to MSCHE's policy statement, Accreditation Review Cycle and Monitoring, "The Commission's eight-year cycle of review of accredited institutions begins with an in-depth institutional self-study that is reviewed by peer evaluators during an on-site evaluation visit. The self-study and on-site review are used to assess the institution's compliance with Commission standards and requirements of affiliation, verify compliance with accreditation-relevant federal regulations, and identify areas needing improvement. The review process results in an accreditation decision in accordance with the Commission Policy Accreditation actions. Institutions submit annually an update of institutional data and other information requested by the Commission. In the fourth year following the self-study visit, the Commission conducts an off-site mid-point peer review based on the cumulative information provided by the institution. Institutions are provided a report on the institution's performance with respect to student achievement and financial sustainability."

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