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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.*

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## Accreditation Summary

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

**Phase:** Accredited

**Status:** Accreditation Reaffirmed

**Accreditation Granted:** 1974

**Last Reaffirmation:** 2020

**Next Self-Study Evaluation:** 2027-2028

**Next Mid-Point Peer Review:** 2024

## 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**
- **Master's Degree or Equivalent**
- **Post-Master's Certificate**  
Approved to offer ONE program at this credential level: Nursing Education
- **Doctor's Degree - Professional Practice**  
Approved to offer ONE program at this credential level: Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and Change

<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>Alfred</b> Pioneer Center, 10 Upper College Drive, Alfred, NY 14802	Additional Location
<b>Corning</b> 2-8 Denison Parkway East Corning, NY 14830	Additional Location
<b>Empire State College</b> 118 N. Tioga Street Suite 502 Ithaca, NY 14850	Additional Location
<b>Empire State College</b> 4585 West Seneca Turnpike Syracuse, NY 13215	Additional Location
<b>Empire State College</b> 177 Livingston Street Brooklyn, NY 11201	Additional Location
<b>Empire State College</b> 325 Hudson Street Fifth Floor New York, NY 10013	Additional Location
<b>Empire State College</b> 500 Seaview Avenue Suite 230 Staten Island, NY 10305	Additional Location
<b>Empire State College</b> 228 Fisher Avenue White Plains, NY 10606	Additional Location

<b>Location</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Empire State College</b> 442 Beaumont Hall 101 Broad Street Plattsburgh, NY 12901	Additional Location
<b>Empire State College</b> 36 Ellicott Street Batavia, NY 14020	Additional Location
<b>Empire State College</b> 6333 Route 298 3rd floor East Syracuse, NY 13057	Additional Location
<b>Empire State College</b> 21 British American Boulevard Latham, NY 12110	Additional Location
<b>Empire State College</b> Regional Higher Education Center Adirondack Community College 640 Bay Road Queensbury, NY 12804	Additional Location
<b>Empire State College</b> 210 North Central Avenue Hartsdale, NY 10530	Additional Location
<b>Empire State College</b> 197 Franklin Street Auburn, NY 13021	Additional Location
<b>Empire State College</b> State Office Building 44 Hawley Street Fifth Floor Binghamton, NY 13901	Additional Location
<b>Empire State College</b> Robert C. McEwen Library and Education Complex (Building P-4300) 4300 Camp Hale Road P.O. Box 908 Fort Drum, NY 136020908	Additional Location

<b>Location</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Empire State College</b> State Office Building 207 Genesee Street Suite 606 Utica, NY 13501	Additional Location
<b>Empire State College</b> Room 114 7 Empire State Plaza Concourse Level, Suite 108 Albany, NY 12223	Additional Location
<b>Empire State College at Fulton Montgomery Community College</b> 2805 State Highway 67 Johnstown, NY 12095	Additional Location
<b>Empire State College in Saratoga</b> 111 West Avenue Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	Additional Location
<b>Empire State College in Schenectady</b> 245 Broadway Schenectady, NY 12305	Additional Location
<b>Empire State College Newburgh Highland</b> 3 Washington Center Newburgh, NY 12550	Additional Location
<b>Empire State College NYS Office Building</b> 250 Veterans Memorial Highway Room 1A11 Hauppauge, NY 11788	Additional Location
<b>Empire State College Watertown</b> E121-122 Extended Learning Center 1220 Coffeen St Watertown, NY 13601	Additional Location
<b>Jamaica Queens</b> 15829 Archer Avenue Jamaica, NY 11432	Additional Location
<b>Liberty High School</b> 250 W. 18th Street	Additional Location

<b>Location</b>	<b>Type</b>
New York, NY 10011	
<b>Niagara Frontier Center</b> Apple Tree Business Park 2875 Union Road Cheektowaga, NY 14227	Additional Location
<b>Niagara Frontier Center of Empire State College</b> 305 East Fairmount Avenue Suite 5 Lakewood, NY 14750	Additional Location
<b>Niagara Frontier Center of Empire State College</b> Jamestown Community College - Cattaraugus Campus 260 North Union Street Olean, NY 14760	Additional Location
<b>NYSUT/UFT Paraprofessional Program - Bronx</b> 2500 Halsey Street Bronx, NY 10461	Additional Location
<b>NYSUT/UFT Paraprofessional Program - Brooklyn</b> 335 Adams Street 25th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201	Additional Location
<b>NYSUT/UFT Paraprofessional Program - New York</b> 52 Broadway New York, NY 10004	Additional Location
<b>NYSUT/UFT Paraprofessional Program - Rego Park</b> 97-77 Queens Boulevard Rego Park, NY 11374	Additional Location
<b>NYSUT/UFT Paraprofessional Program - Staten Island</b> 4456 Amboy Road 2nd Floor Staten Island, NY 10312	Additional Location
<b>Rochester Learning Center</b> 680 Westfall Road Rochester, NY 14620	Additional Location



<b>Location</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Sanborn, Niagara County Community College</b> 3111 Saunders Settlement Road Sanborn, NY 14132	Additional Location
<b>Selden</b> 407 College Road Selden, NY 11784	Additional Location
<b>SUNY Empire State College - Garden City</b> 1325 Franklin Avenue Garden City, NY 11530	Additional Location
<b>SUNY Fredonia State College</b> 214 Central Ave Dunkirk, NY 14048	Additional Location
<b>TO BE DETERMINED</b> TO BE DETERMINED NEWBURGH, NY 12550	Additional Location
<b>Athens</b> New York College at Athens 38 Amalias Avenue 10558 Athens Greece	Other Instructional Site
<b>Brooklyn District 20</b> New York City School District 20 415 89th St Brooklyn, NY 11209	Other Instructional Site
<b>Prague</b> University of New York at Prague Londynska 41 12000 Prague 2 Czech Republic	Other Instructional Site
<b>Rockefeller Institute of Government</b> 13 Henry Johnson Blvd Albany, NY 12203	Other Instructional Site
<b>Thessaloniki</b> New York College at Thessaloniki 6 Katsimidi Papanastasiou St 54639	Other Instructional Site

<b>Location</b>	<b>Type</b>
Thessaloniki Greece	
<b>Tirana</b> University of New York at Tirana Rruga Kodra e Diellit Selite, 1046 Tirana Albania	Other Instructional Site
<b>UA Plumbers Local Union No. 1 Training Center</b> Plumbers Local 1 Training Center 37 - 11 47th Avenue Long Island City, NY 11101	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](#).*

**January 4, 2021**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To note the institution's decision to close the additional location at 442 Beaumont Hall, 101 Broad Street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901. To require immediate notification when instruction ceases at the additional location. To note that the Commission reserves the right to rescind approval of this substantive change if any developments reveal additional information that might have affected the Commission's decision and/or the requested substantive change is not implemented within one calendar year from the date of this action. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2027-2028.

**October 29, 2020**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To note the institution's decision to close the additional location at 214 Central Ave, Dunkirk, NY 14048. To require immediate notification when instruction ceases at the additional location. To note that the Commission reserves the right to rescind approval of this substantive change if any developments reveal additional information that might have affected the Commission's decision and/or the requested substantive change is not implemented within one calendar year from the date of this action.

**October 29, 2020**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To note the institution's decision to close the additional location at E121-122 Extended Learning Center, 1220 Coffeen St, Watertown, NY 13601. To require immediate notification when instruction ceases at the additional location. To note that the Commission reserves the right to rescind approval of this substantive change if any developments reveal additional information that might have affected the Commission's decision and/or the requested substantive change is not implemented within one calendar year from the date of this action.

**October 29, 2020**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To note the institution's decision to close the additional location at 3 Washington Center, Newburgh, NY 12550. To require immediate notification when instruction ceases at the additional location. To note that the Commission reserves the

right to rescind approval of this substantive change if any developments reveal additional information that might have affected the Commission's decision and/or the requested substantive change is not implemented within one calendar year from the date of this action.

**October 29, 2020**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To note the institution's decision to close the additional location at 21 British American Boulevard, Latham, NY 12110. To require immediate notification when instruction ceases at the additional location. To note that the Commission reserves the right to rescind approval of this substantive change if any developments reveal additional information that might have affected the Commission's decision and/or the requested substantive change is not implemented within one calendar year from the date of this action.

**October 29, 2020**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To note the institution's decision to close the additional location at 305 East Fairmount Avenue Suite 5, Lakewood, NY 14750. To require immediate notification when instruction ceases at the additional location. To note that the Commission reserves the right to rescind approval of this substantive change if any developments reveal additional information that might have affected the Commission's decision and/or the requested substantive change is not implemented within one calendar year from the date of this action.

**October 29, 2020**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To note the institution's decision to close the additional location at 118 N. Tioga Street Suite 502, Ithaca, NY 14850. To require immediate notification when instruction ceases at the additional location. To note that the Commission reserves the right to rescind approval of this substantive change if any developments reveal additional information that might have affected the Commission's decision and/or the requested substantive change is not implemented within one calendar year from the date of this action.

**October 29, 2020**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To note the institution's decision to close the additional location at 250 Veterans Memorial Highway, Room 1A11, Hauppauge, NY 11788. To require immediate notification when instruction ceases at the additional location. To note that the Commission reserves the right to rescind approval of this substantive change if any developments reveal additional information that might have affected the Commission's decision and/or the requested

substantive change is not implemented within one calendar year from the date of this action.

**October 29, 2020**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To note the institution's decision to close the additional location at 3111 Saunders Settlement Road, Sanborn, NY 14132. To require immediate notification when instruction ceases at the additional location. To note that the Commission reserves the right to rescind approval of this substantive change if any developments reveal additional information that might have affected the Commission's decision and/or the requested substantive change is not implemented within one calendar year from the date of this action.

**October 29, 2020**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To note the institution's decision to close the additional location at 36 Ellicott Street, Batavia, NY 14020. To require immediate notification when instruction ceases at the additional location. To note that the Commission reserves the right to rescind approval of this substantive change if any developments reveal additional information that might have affected the Commission's decision and/or the requested substantive change is not implemented within one calendar year from the date of this action.

**October 29, 2020**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To note the institution's decision to close the additional location at Pioneer Center, 10 Upper College Drive, Alfred, NY 14802. To require immediate notification when instruction ceases at the additional location. To note that the Commission reserves the right to rescind approval of this substantive change if any developments reveal additional information that might have affected the Commission's decision and/or the requested substantive change is not implemented within one calendar year from the date of this action.

**October 29, 2020**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To note the institution's decision to close the additional location at 15829 Archer Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11432 that has ceased operations. To remove the additional location from the institution's scope of accreditation. To note that the Commission reserves the right to rescind approval of this substantive change if any developments reveal additional information that might have affected the Commission's decision and/or the requested substantive change is not implemented within one calendar year from the date of this action.

**October 29, 2020**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To note the institution's decision to close the additional location at Rockland Community College, 145 College, Road, Suffern, NY 10901 that has ceased operations. To remove the additional location from the institution's scope of accreditation. To note that the Commission reserves the right to rescind approval of this substantive change if any developments reveal additional information that might have affected the Commission's decision and/or the requested substantive change is not implemented within one calendar year from the date of this action. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2027-2028.

**October 29, 2020**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To note the institution's decision to close the additional location at 1325 Franklin Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530. To require immediate notification when instruction ceases at the additional location. To note that the Commission reserves the right to rescind approval of this substantive change if any developments reveal additional information that might have affected the Commission's decision and/or the requested substantive change is not implemented within one calendar year from the date of this action.

**October 29, 2020**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To note the institution's decision to close the additional location at 2805 State Highway 67, Johnstown, NY 12095. To require immediate notification when instruction ceases at the additional location. To note that the Commission reserves the right to rescind approval of this substantive change if any developments reveal additional information that might have affected the Commission's decision and/or the requested substantive change is not implemented within one calendar year from the date of this action.

**June 25, 2020**

To acknowledge receipt of the self-study report. To note that the institution hosted a virtual site visit in lieu of an on-site visit in accordance with United States Department of Education (USDE) guidelines published March 17, 2020. To reaffirm accreditation. To request that, beginning in 2021 and in conjunction with each Annual Institutional Update prior to the Mid-Point Peer Review in 2024, the institution provide further evidence of (1) demonstrated and documented use of assessment results to improve educational effectiveness (Standard V) and (2) the development and implementation of organized and systematic assessments that evaluate institutional effectiveness (Standard VI). To note that a verification visit is

required by USDE guidelines and will be conducted within a reasonable period of time following the virtual site visit. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2027-2028.

**June 17, 2020**

To acknowledge receipt of the teach-out plan. To approve the teach-out plan. To note that the institution will conduct and complete its own teach-out by August 30, 2020 and that teach-out agreements are not required.

**June 17, 2020**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To note the institution's decision to close the additional location at 25 North Street, Canandaigua NY 14424. To require immediate notification when instruction ceases at the additional location. To note that the Commission reserves the right to rescind approval of this substantive change if any developments reveal additional information that might have affected the Commission's decision and/or the requested substantive change is not implemented within one calendar year from the date of this action. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2027-2028.

**February 27, 2020**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To note the institution's decision to close the additional location at Empire State College, 303 Griffing Avenue, Riverhead, NY, 11901. To require immediate notification when instruction ceases at the additional location. To note the Commission may rescind this action if the requested substantive change is not implemented within one calendar year from the date of this action. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2019-2020.

**February 27, 2020**

To acknowledge receipt of the teach-out plan. To approve the teach-out plan. To note that the institution will conduct and complete its own teach-out by April 24, 2020, and that teach-out agreements are not required.

**January 3, 2020**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the relocation of the Empire State College additional location at Trainor House, 223 Store Hill Road, PO Box 130, Old Westbury, NY 11568 to SUNY Empire State College - Garden City, 1325 Franklin Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530 within the institution's scope of accreditation. To require immediate notification when instruction commences at the new location and of the date that instruction ceases at the former location. To note the Commission may rescind this action if instruction at this location does not commence within one calendar year from the date of this action. The next

evaluation visit is scheduled for 2019-2020.

**July 2, 2019**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the first Post-master's Certificate program in Nursing Education within the institution's scope of accreditation. To note the Commission may rescind this action if the requested substantive change is not implemented within one calendar year from the date of this action. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2019-2020.

**April 30, 2019**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the relocation of the Empire State College- Nanuet additional location to Suffern, Rockland Community College, 145 College Road, Suffern, NY 10901 within the institution's scope of accreditation. To require immediate notification when instruction commences at the new location and of the date that instruction ceases at the former location. To note the Commission may rescind this action if instruction at this location does not commence within one calendar year from the date of this action.

**April 30, 2019**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the relocation of the Empire State College at Alfred State College additional location to Alfred, Pioneer Center, 10 Upper College Drive, Alfred, NY 14802 within the institution's scope of accreditation. To require immediate notification when instruction commences at the new location and of the date that instruction ceases at the former location. To note the Commission may rescind this action if instruction at this location does not commence within one calendar year from the date of this action.

**April 30, 2019**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the additional location at Selden, 407 College Road, Selden, NY 11784 within the institution's scope of accreditation. To note that the Commission may rescind this action if instruction does not commence within one calendar year from the date of this action. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2020-2021.

**August 27, 2018**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include within the scope of the institution's accreditation the relocation of the additional location from Niagara Frontier Center of Empire State College, 80 Main Street, Suite A, Lockport, NY 14094 to Lockport, Niagara County Community College, 3111 Saunders Settlement Road, Sanborn, NY 14132.



The Commission requires written notification within thirty days of the commencement of operations at the new location and the closure of the old location. Operations at the additional location must commence within one calendar year from the date of this action. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2019-2020.

**April 30, 2018**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the first Doctor's – Professional Practice program (Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and Change) within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2019 - 20.

**March 5, 2018**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include within the scope of the institution's accreditation the relocation of the additional location from Empire State College at Corning/Elmira, 318 Park Avenue, Corning, NY 14830 to Corning, 2-8 Denison Parkway East, Corning, NY 14830. The Commission requires written notification within thirty days of the commencement of operations at the new location and the closure of the old location. Operations at the additional location must commence within one calendar year from the date of this action. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2019-2020.

**November 16, 2017**

To accept the progress report. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2019-2020.

**June 22, 2017**

To acknowledge receipt of the complex substantive change request. To include within the scope of the institution's accreditation the contractual arrangement with Flatiron School as part of the institution's participation in the USDE EQUIP initiative. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2019-20.

**January 3, 2017**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include within the scope of the institution's accreditation the relocation of the additional location from Niagara Frontier Center of Empire State College, 112 West Main Street, Suite 1, Fredonia, NY 14063 to SUNY Fredonia State College, 214 Central Ave, Dunkirk, NY 14048. The Commission requires written notification within thirty days of the commencement of operations at the new location and the closure of the old location. Operations at the additional location must commence within one calendar year from the date of this action.

- January 3, 2017** To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To note the institution's decision to close the additional location at 216 River Street, Troy, NY 12180 and to approve the teach-out plan. The Commission requires notification within thirty days of the closure of the additional location. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2019 - 2020.
- October 31, 2016** To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To approve the institution's general approach to competency-based education (CBE). To recognize the following as limited direct assessment CBE programs (less than 50%) and to include the programs within the scope of the institution's accreditation: AA, AS, BA, BPS, and BS in Business, Management and Economics; BPS in Technology; and AA, AS, BA, and BS in Science, Mathematics and Technology. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2019 - 2020.
- June 27, 2016** To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To approve the relocation of the additional location from Genesee Valley, 1475 Winton Road North, Rochester, NY 14609 to the Rochester Learning Center, 680 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14620 and to include the new additional location within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The Commission requires written notification within 30 days of the commencement of operations at the new additional location campus and the closure of the old 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 date for the next accreditation review will be determined by the Commission when it revises the accreditation cycle.
- April 5, 2016** To note that the correct credential level for the Certificate in Manufacturing is Post-secondary Award/Cert/Diploma (<1year).
- February 29, 2016** To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To approve the institution's general approach to competency-based education (CBE). To recognize the following as limited direct assessment CBE programs (less than 50%) and to include the programs within the scope of the institution's accreditation: Bachelor of Science in Business, Management and Economics (Information Technology Track) and Bachelor of Science in Science, Mathematics and Technology (Information Technology Track). To remind the institution of the Commission's request of November 19, 2015 for a progress report due October 1, 2017. The next evaluation visit is scheduled

for 2019 - 2020.

**November 19, 2015**

To accept the Periodic Review Report and to reaffirm accreditation. To request a progress report, due October 1, 2017, documenting evidence that student learning assessment results are used to improve teaching and learning (Standard 14). The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2019 - 2020.

**November 2, 2015**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the Certificate in Manufacturing Management (Postsecondary Award/Cert /Diploma ( $\geq 1$  year,  $< 2$  years) within the scope of the institution's accreditation.

**November 2, 2015**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the additional location at Jamaica Queens, 15829 Archer Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11432 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. To note that the Commission will act on the Periodic Review Report at its November meeting.

**June 30, 2014**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request and to approve the relocation of the following additional locations: (1) Jamestown Unit from 525 Falconer Street, Jamestown, NY 14701 to 305 Fairmount Avenue, Lakewood, NY 14750 and (2) Schenectady Unit from 328 State Street, Schenectady, NY 12305 to 245 Broadway, Schenectady, NY 12305 and to include the new additional locations within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2015.

**July 2, 2012**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request, to reclassify the following instructional sites as additional locations, and to include the additional locations within the scope of the institution's accreditation: (1) 2500 Halsey Street, Bronx, NY, 10461; (2) 335 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, 11201; (3) 52 Broadway, New York, NY, 10004; (4) 97-77 Queens Blvd, Rego Park, NY, 11374; and (5) 4456 Amboy Rd, Staten Island, NY, 10312. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2015.

**May 1, 2012**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request and to include the

postsecondary certificate in Business and Environmental Sustainability within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2015.

**August 30, 2011**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request and to include the additional location at 4585 West Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, NY 13215 within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The Commission requires written notification within thirty days of the commencement of operations at the additional location. In the event that operations at this additional location do not commence within one calendar year from the approval of this action, approval will lapse. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2015.

**August 30, 2011**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the contractual agreement with the Education and Learning Trust (ELT) of New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) for the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2015.

**March 3, 2011**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request and to include the additional location at 216 River Street, 3rd Floor, Rice Building, Troy, NY 12180 within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The Commission requires written notification within thirty days of the commencement of operations at the additional location. In the event that operations at this additional location do not commence within one calendar year from the approval of this action, approval will lapse. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2015.

## Information about the Middle States Commission on Higher Education

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