



Middle States Commission on Higher Education

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June 24, 2016

Ms. Patricia A. McGuire, J.D.
President
Trinity Washington University
125 Michigan Avenue N. E.
Washington, DC 20017

Dear President McGuire:

At its session on June 23, 2016, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted:

To reaffirm accreditation. To commend the institution for the quality of the self-study process and the quality of the self-study report. The date for the next accreditation review will be determined by the Commission when it revises the accreditation cycle.

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 the policy *Advertising, Student Recruitment, and Representation of Accredited Status*, 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 Trinity Washington University. If any further clarification is needed regarding the SAS or other items in this letter, please feel free to contact Dr. Debra G. Klinman, Vice President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George A. Pruitt', is written over a white background.

George A. Pruitt, Ph.D.
Chair



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STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

TRINITY WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
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Chief Executive Officer: Ms. Patricia A. McGuire, J.D., President

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Enrollment (Headcount): 1594 Undergraduate ; 569 Graduate
Control: Private (Non-Profit)
Affiliation: Religious - Roman Catholic Church
2015 Carnegie Classification: Master's Colleges & Universities - Larger Programs
Approved Degree Levels: Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's;
Distance Education Programs: Fully Approved
Accreditors Recognized by U.S. Secretary of Education: American Occupational Therapy Association, Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education

Instructional Locations

Branch Campuses: None
Additional Locations: THEARC, Washington, DC.
Other Instructional Sites: None

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

Status: Member since 1921
Last Reaffirmed: June 23, 2016

Most Recent Commission Action:

June 23, 2016: To reaffirm accreditation. To commend the institution for the quality of the self-study process and the quality of the self-study report. The date for the next accreditation review will be determined by the Commission when it revises the accreditation cycle.

Brief History Since Last Comprehensive Evaluation:

- November 17, 2011: To accept the Periodic Review Report and to reaffirm accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2015-2016.
- July 1, 2013: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request and to include provisionally the additional location at District Medical Veterans Center, 50 Irving Street NW, Washington DC 20422 within the scope of the institution's accreditation, pending a site visit within six months of commencing operations. The Commission requires written notification within thirty days of the commencement of operations at this site. In the event that operations at this site do not commence within one calendar year from the approval of this action, approval will lapse. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2015-2016.
- July 1, 2014: To note the institution's decision not to open the additional location at District Medical Veterans Center, 50 Irving Street NW, Washington DC 20422 and to remove the location from the institution's accreditation.

Next Self-Study Evaluation: 2025 - 2026

Date Printed: June 24, 2016

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*.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Member Institutions with June 2016 Commission Actions
FROM: Staff on Behalf of the Commission
RE: Commission Actions and Statement of Accreditation Status
DATE: June 24, 2016

In May, the Commission communicated with you to provide an update on the status of the proposed changes to the accreditation processes. More information about those changes can be found in the email communication dated May 17, 2016, as well as at the Commission's website at www.msche.org. This memorandum is to provide additional explanation regarding the Commission's actions from June 2016 in light of the status of the proposed changes.

Language in the enclosed action letter and Statement of Accreditation Status reads: *The date for the next accreditation review will be determined by the Commission when it revises the accreditation cycle.* This is intended to capture that future dates may be modified as part of the implementation of a new accreditation cycle. As the Commission transitions from a ten-year to an eight-year evaluation cycle, the date for your institution's next evaluation may change.

Federal regulation requires that the Commission maintain and make available to the public the year of the institution's next accreditation review. For this reason, the Commission will continue to retain institutional evaluation dates under the current accreditation cycle until such time as the new accreditation cycle is implemented. The current evaluation dates for your institution's evaluation appear on the Statement of Accreditation Status under the heading *Next Self-Study Evaluation*. You will be informed shortly of the impact of the process changes on your institution's accreditation review schedule.

We greatly appreciate your patience as we transition to an improved accreditation process. While additional details about the changes to the accreditation process can be found in the May 17th email communication, please contact your institution's Vice President liaison with any questions about the enclosed Commission action.