



## 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.*

**Institution:** LINCOLN UNIVERSITY  
Lincoln University, PA

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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:** 1922

**Last Reaffirmation:** 2019

**Next Self-Study Evaluation:** 2026-2027

**Next Mid-Point Peer Review:** 2023

## 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)**  
Included within the scope:
- **Bachelor's Degree or Equivalent**  
Included within the scope:
- **Post-baccalaureate Certificate**  
Included within the scope:
- **Master's Degree or Equivalent**  
Included within the scope:

## Locations

*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>Lincoln University Center for Graduate</b> 3020 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19104	Additional Location

*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.*

- December 2, 2021** To acknowledge receipt of the supplemental information report. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2026-2027.
- June 24, 2021** To acknowledge receipt of the supplemental information report. To request a supplemental information report, due September 1, 2021, providing further evidence of a governing body that provides oversight at the policy level and is informed in all its operations by principles of good practice in board governance (Standard VII). The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2026-2027.
- November 19, 2020** To acknowledge receipt of the supplemental information report. To request a supplemental information report, due March 1, 2021, providing further evidence of (1) compliance with all applicable federal, state and Commission policies and regulations (Standard II and Requirement of Affiliation 5); and (2) a governing body that provides oversight at the policy level and is informed in all its operations by principles of good practice in board governance (Standard VII). The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2026-2027.
- July 29, 2020** Staff acted on behalf of the Commission to request a supplemental information report, due August 28, 2020, addressing developments at the institution which may have implications for current and future compliance with Requirement of Affiliation 5, Standard II (Ethics and Integrity), and Standard VII (Governance, Leadership and Administration).
- June 27, 2019** To acknowledge receipt of the self-study report. To note the visit by the Commission's representatives. To reaffirm accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2026-2027.
- April 14, 2017** To rescind the substantive change action of October 31, 2016. To note the institution's decision to not operate the site at 545 E. Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA as an additional location.
- October 31, 2016**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include provisionally within the scope of the institution's accreditation the relocation of the additional location from 351 Kersey Street, Coatesville, PA 19320 to 545 E. Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320 and pending a site visit within six months of commencing operations at the new location. 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 2018-2019.

**June 23, 2016**

To accept the supplemental information report. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2018-2019.

**March 15, 2016**

Staff acted on behalf of the Commission to request a supplemental information report, due April 10, 2016, addressing the impact of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's budget impasse on the institution's compliance with the Requirements of Affiliation and accreditation standards, specifically Standard 3 (Institutional Resources).

**January 9, 2015**

To note that the progress report requested by the Commission on July 1, 2013 is no longer required.

**November 20, 2014**

To accept the Periodic Review Report, to reaffirm accreditation and to recognize the institution for progress to date. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2018-2019.

**March 3, 2014**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the online Bachelor of Science in Nursing within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2014.

**January 2, 2014**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request and to include the postsecondary certificates (< 1 year) in (1) Computer Game Development and (2) Cyber-security within the scope of the institution's accreditation.

**January 2, 2014**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request and to include the online Masters in Human Services Administration within the scope of the institution's accreditation.

**January 2, 2014**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request and to include the post-baccalaureate certificates in (1) Early Childhood Education PreK-4, (2)

Reading Specialist, and (3) Principal within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2014.

**November 21, 2013**

To note the visit by the Commission's representative and to affirm inclusion of the additional location at 351 Kersey Street, Coatesville, PA 19320 within the scope of the institution's accreditation. To also note the corrected address from the earlier reported address of 301 Kersey Street. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2014.

**July 1, 2013**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request and to include the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program within the scope of the institution's accreditation. To request a progress report, due December 1, 2014 documenting evidence of (1) the actual program budget for the first year of operation's providing sufficient resources for the program (Standard 3); (2) sufficient initial student enrollment to ensure viability of the program (Standard 8); (3) a sufficient number of appropriately qualified faculty and staff to deliver the program and fulfill other responsibilities (Standards 5 and 10); and (4) implementation of an organized and sustainable assessment process to evaluate and improve student learning (Standard 14). The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2014.

**March 5, 2013**

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request and to include the additional location at 301 Kersey Street, Coatesville, PA 19320 provisionally within the scope of the institution's accreditation, pending a site visit within six months of the commencement of operations at the site. The Commission requires written notification within thirty days of the commencement of operations at this 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, 2014.



## Information about the Middle States Commission on Higher Education

*The Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) is an institutional accreditor 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).*