



Accreditation Review Cycle and Monitoring Policy

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I. Purpose

The Mid-Atlantic Region Commission on Higher Education (MARCHE), doing business as the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE or the Commission), seeks to ensure that institutions are reevaluated and monitored on a regular and consistent basis. The purpose of this policy is to establish the timeline and components of the Commission's accreditation review cycle. Additional information about reviews, reports, and visits can be found in **Accreditation Activities Guidelines**

II. Statement of Policy

In accordance with federal regulation 34 CFR § 602.19, the Commission shall implement a cycle for accreditation review that reevaluates and monitors institutions to ensure compliance with standards for accreditation, requirements of affiliation, policies and procedures, and applicable federal regulatory requirements. The Commission shall assign institutions to an accreditation review cycle which dictates the timeline and a regular and consistent schedule of review. While the Commission has established a continuous accreditation review cycle, the Commission reserves the right to conduct monitoring activities at any time.

A. Accreditation Review Activities

The Commission's eight-year cycle includes a Self-Study Evaluation and On-Site Evaluation visit

* The full implementation of the eight-year cycle begins with accredited institutions who will have self-study in 2021.

C. Changes in Accreditation Review Cycle

The accreditation review cycle is continuous and the institution's assigned cycle cannot be altered except under extraordinary circumstances. Only the Commission may alter the accreditation review cycle as may be necessary based on circumstances.

III. Procedures

The Commission staff will develop procedures as are necessary to ensure the consistent implementation of policies. See **Accreditation Review Cycle and Monitoring Procedures**

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