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Dr. Graham B. Spanier  
Office of the President  
Pennsylvania State University  
201 Old Main Building  
University Park, Pennsylvania 16802

Dear President Spanier:

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Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Statement of Accreditation Status for your institution. The Statement of Accreditation Status (SAS) provides important basic information about the institution and its affiliation with the Commission, and it is made available to the public upon request. Accreditation applies to the institution as detailed in the SAS; institutional information is derived from data provided by the institution through annual reporting and from Commission actions. If any of the institutional information is incorrect, please contact the Commission as soon as possible.

Please check to ensure that published references to your institution's accredited status (catalog, other publications, web page) include the full name, address, and telephone number of the accrediting agency. Further guidance is provided in the Commission's policy statement *Advertising, Student Recruitment, and Representation of Accredited Status*, a copy of which is enclosed.

The Commission on Higher Education expects evaluation team reports to be distributed to all constituencies named on the cover page of team reports: faculty, administration, trustees, and students. Furthermore, the Commission expects any action taken by the Commission to be shared with appropriate campus constituencies.

Please be assured of the continuing interest of the Commission on Higher Education in the well-being of Pennsylvania State University. If any further clarification is needed regarding the SAS or other items in this letter, please feel free to contact Dr. Elizabeth H. Sibolski, Executive Associate Director.

Sincerely,

Daniel Chambliss  
Executive Committee Member

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Sincerely,

Peter F. Burnham  
Vice Chair



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## STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

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**Chief Executive Officer:** Dr. Graham B. Spanier, President

## INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

**Enrollment**  
**(Headcount):** 62646 Undergraduate; 10941 Graduate  
**Control:** Public  
**Affiliation:** State  
**Institution Type:** Doctoral/Research-Extensive  
**Degrees Offered:** Certificate/Diploma, Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, 1st Professional Degree, Doctoral;  
**Distance Learning:** Yes

**Accreditors Approved by U.S. Secretary of Education:** Accrediting Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET); Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC); American Bar Association (ABA), Section on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar; American Dietetic Association, Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE); American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education; American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), Commission on Accreditation; American Psychological Association (APA), Committee on Accreditation; American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), Council on Academic Accreditation; Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP); Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP); Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE); Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE); Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT); Landscape Architecture Accrediting Board (LAAB); National Accrediting Agency for the Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS); National Architecture Accrediting Board (NAAB); National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD), Commission on Accreditation; National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), Commission on Accreditation; National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA), Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation; National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST), Commission on Accreditation; National Council

for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE); National League for Nursing (NLN) Accrediting Commission; Society of American Foresters (SAF)

**Other Accreditors:** Amer Chem Soc; N Amer Wildlife Tech Assoc; PA Dept for Educ Prog Appr; Assoc to Adv Colleg Schools of Bus Intl; Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Dept of Educ; Accred Council for Grad Med Educ; Amer Assoc of Vet Lab Diagnostic; Assoc for Assess and Accred of Lab Animal Care Intl; Inst of Food Tech; Soc of Wood Sci and Tech; Amer Assbly of Colleg Schools of Bus; Comm on Accred for Health Mgt Educ; PA Dept of Educ; Natl Assoc for Sport and Phys Educ; PA State Bd of Nursing; Prof Golfer's Assoc of Amer

## **Instructional Locations**

**Branch Campuses:** Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle, PA; Penn State College of Medicine, Hershey, PA

**Additional Locations:** Great Valley School of Graduate Professional Studies, Malvern, PA; Penn State Abington, Abington, PA; Penn State Altoona, Altoona, PA; Penn State Beaver, Monaca, PA; Penn State Berks, Reading, PA; Penn State Delaware County, Media, PA; Penn State Dubois, DuBois, PA; Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, Erie, PA; Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus, Uniontown, PA; Penn State Harrisburg, Middletown, PA; Penn State Hazleton, Hazleton, PA; Penn State Lehigh Valley, Fogelsville, PA; Penn State McKeesport, McKeesport, PA; Penn State Mont Alto, Mont Alto, PA; Penn State New Kensington, Upper Burrell, PA; Penn State Schuylkill, Schuylkill Haven, PA; Penn State Shenango, Sharon, PA; Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Lehman, PA; Penn State Worthington Scranton, Dunmore, PA; Penn State York, York, PA

**Other Instructional Sites:** Abington Heights Middle School, Clarks Summit, PA; Abington Memorial Hospital, Abington, PA; AK Medical Center, Natrona Heights, PA; Alcoa, Lancaster, PA; Altoona Downtown Conference Center, Altoona, PA; Altria Group, Wilkes Barre, PA; Athens High School, Athens, PA; Cargill Meat Products, Hazleton, PA; Cargill Taylor Beef, Wyalusing, PA; Community Education Council of Elk and St. Marys, St. Marys, PA; Conestoga Wood, East Earl, PA; Conewago School District, New Oxford, PA; Corporate Learning Center, Bethlehem, PA; Costa Rica, Costa Rica, Costa Rica; Defense Distribution Center, New Cumberland, PA; Defense Supply Center of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA; Elks, Boalsburg, PA; Frankford Hospital School of Nursing, Philadelphia, PA; General Dynamics, York, PA; GMAC Mortgage, Horsham, PA; Harley Davidson, York, PA; Hartford Insurance Company, Fogelsville, PA; Hershey Foods Corporation, Hershey, PA; Honeywell/Pfaltzgraff, York, PA; Host Resort, Lancaster, PA; Jameson School of Nursing, New Castle, PA; Lancaster Center, Lancaster, PA; Lancaster General Hospital, Lancaster, PA; Middle Bucks Institute of Technology, Jamison, PA; Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Willow Grove, PA; Northeastern SD, Manchester, PA; Northern Tier Career Center, Towanda, PA; P&G Paper Products, Mehoopany, PA; Penn State Continuing Education at Williamsport, Williamsport, PA; Pottsville Hospital School of Nursing, Pottsville, PA; PS Eastgate Center, Harrisburg, PA; PS Lancaster Center, Lancaster, PA; Regional Learning Alliance, Cranberry, PA; Sallie Mae Servicing Corp., Hanover, PA; Shaver's Creek, Petersburg, PA; Snyder's Foods, Hanover, PA; Southwestern SC, Hanover, PA; Starbucks Coffee, York, PA; The Penn State Learning Center (Lewistown), Lewistown, PA; Uniontown Hospital, Uniontown, PA; United Parcel Service Building, New Stanton, PA; University of

Pittsburgh Medical Center, McKeesport, PA; Westmoreland County Comm. College, Youngwood, PA; Wyalusing High School, Wyalusing, PA

## **ACCREDITATION INFORMATION**

**Status:** Member since 1921

**Last Reaffirmed:** June 22, 2005

### **Most Recent Commission Action:**

June 22, 2006: To accept the progress letter. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2010.

### **Brief History Since Last Comprehensive Evaluation:**

June 22, 2005: To reaffirm accreditation and to request a progress letter, due by April 1, 2006, documenting the development of a comprehensive plan for the assessment of student learning that is linked to the overall assessment of institutional effectiveness and to the institution's strategic planning process. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2010.

**Next Self-Study Evaluation:** 2014 - 2015

**Next Periodic Review Report:** 2010

**Date Printed:** July 31, 2006

## **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.

**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 Learning** - Yes or No indicates whether or not the institution has been approved to offer one or more degree or certificate/diploma programs for which students could meet 50% or more of their requirements by taking distance learning courses.