



## Middle States Commission on Higher Education

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June 22, 2018

Dr. Ann Bieber  
President  
Lehigh Carbon Community College  
4525 Education Park Drive  
Schnecksville, PA 18078-2598

Dear Dr. Bieber:

At its session on June 21, 2018, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted:

To reaffirm accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2026-2027.

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 Commission policy, 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 Lehigh Carbon Community College. If any further clarification is needed regarding the SAS or other items in this letter, please feel free to contact Dr. Christy L. Faison, Vice President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary L. Wirt', written in a cursive style.

Gary L. Wirt, Ed.D.  
Chair



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## STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION STATUS

**LEHIGH CARBON COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
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Phone: (610) 799-2121; Fax: (610) 799-2881  
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**Chief Executive Officer:** Dr. Ann Bieber, President

### INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

**Enrollment (Headcount):** 6620 Undergraduate  
**Control:** Public  
**Affiliation:** Government-State and Local - State of Pennsylvania and school districts  
**2015 Carnegie Classification:** Associate's Colleges - Mixed Transfer/Career & Technical-Mixed Traditional/Nontraditional  
**Approved Degree Levels:** Postsecondary Award/Cert/Diploma (< 1 year), Postsecondary Award/Cert/Diploma (>=1 year, < 2 years), Associate's;  
**Distance Education Programs:** Fully Approved  
**Accreditors Recognized by U.S. Secretary of Education:**

### Instructional Locations

**Branch Campuses:** None

**Additional Locations:** Baum School of Art, Allentown, PA; Donley Center, Allentown, PA; Jim Thorpe High School, Jim Thorpe, PA; John & Dorothy Morgan Ctr for Higher Ed., Tamaqua, PA; Lehigh Valley International Airport, Allentown, PA; PA Department of Corrections, State Correctional Institution at Frackville, Frackville, PA; PA Department of Corrections, State Correctional Institution at Mahanoy, Frackville, PA.

**Other Instructional Sites:** Carbon Career & Technical Institute, Jim Thorpe, PA; Emmaus High School, Emmaus, PA; Jim Thorpe High School, Jim Thorpe, PA; Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA; Lehigh Valley High School, Lehigh Valley, PA; Lincoln Leadership Academy Charter School, Allentown, PA; Louis E Dieruff High School, Allentown, PA; Mahanoy High School, Mahanoy City, PA; Marian Catholic High School, Tamaqua, PA; Northampton

Community College, Bethlehem, PA; Northern Lehigh High School, Slatington, PA; Northwestern Lehigh High School, New Tripoli, PA; Palmerton High School, Palmerton, PA; Panther Valley High School, Lansford, PA; Parkland High School, Allentown, PA; Roberto Clemente Charter School, Allentown, PA; Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA; Tamaqua Community Art Center, Tamaqua, PA; Tamaqua High School, Tamaqua, PA; Whitehall High School, Whitehall, PA; William Allen High School, Allentown, PA.

## **ACCREDITATION INFORMATION**

**Status:** Member since 1972

**Last Reaffirmed:** June 21, 2018

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

June 21, 2018: To reaffirm accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2026-2027.

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

November 21, 2013: To accept the Periodic Review Report, to reaffirm accreditation, and to commend the institution for the quality of the Periodic Review Report. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2017-2018.

January 2, 2014: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To approve the relocation of the additional location from 24 East Locust Street, Nesquehoning, PA 18240 to Jim Thorpe High School, 1100 Center Street, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229 and to include the new additional location within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2017-2018.

January 3, 2017: To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To include the additional locations at (1) Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, State Correctional Institution at Mahanoy, 301 Morea Road, Frackville, PA 17932 and (2) Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, State Correctional Institution at Frackville, 1111 Altamont Blvd, Frackville, PA 17931-2699 within the scope of the institution's accreditation. The Commission requires written notification within thirty days of the commencement of operations at these additional locations. Operations at the additional locations must commence within one calendar year from the date of this action. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2017-2018.

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

**Date Printed:** June 22, 2018

## **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*.