



Statement of Accreditation Status

UPR – MEDICAL SCIENCES CAMPUS

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The Statement of Accreditation Status (SAS) is the Commission's official public statement 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.

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Carnegie Classification: Special Focus Four-Year: Medical Schools & Centers » Four-year, small, primarily nonresidential

Control: Public

Notification of Non-Compliance Action

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Accreditation Information

Phase: Accredited

Status: Accredited on Show Cause

Initial Accreditation: 1949

Last Reaffirmation: 2016

Next Self-Study Evaluation: 2020-2021

Next Mid-Point Peer Review: 2025

Accreditation Actions

Last 10 Years:

March 14, 2019

To acknowledge receipt of the show cause report. To note the visit by the Commission's representatives. To require the institution to continue to show cause by September 1, 2019, to demonstrate why its accreditation should not be withdrawn because of insufficient evidence that the institution is in compliance with Standard VI (Planning, Resources, and Institutional Improvement) and Requirement of Affiliation 11. To note the institution is now in compliance with Requirement of Affiliation 14 and the Related Entities Policy. To require a show cause report due September 1, 2019, documenting evidence of the submission of timely and accurate financial audits (Standard VI and Requirement of Affiliation 11). The show cause report must also include evidence of: (1) how the institution has improved its annual closing processes and implemented effective monitoring controls over financial information, (2) the development of multi-year financial plans that produce balanced budgets, including appropriate revenue assumptions; (3) management of financial reporting that provides for the timely completion of annual audits, and (4) the planning and implementation of restructuring for sustainability (Standard VI and Related Entities Policy). To direct an on-site show cause visit following submission of the report. The purpose of the on-site show cause visit is to verify the information provided in the show cause report and the institution's ongoing and sustainable compliance with the Commission's standards, requirements, policies and procedures, and federal compliance requirements. To direct a prompt Commission liaison guidance visit to discuss the Commission's expectations. To note that the institution will be invited to appear before the Commission when it meets to consider the institution's show cause report. To require a supplemental information report due May 1, 2019, documenting evidence of (1) the single audit and audited financial statements for fiscal year 2018, and (2) submission of the 2018 single audit and audited financial statements to the Commission, United States Department of Education, and other parties as required by regulation and/or law (Standard VI and Requirement of Affiliation 11). To remind the institution and the related entity of its obligation to provide timely and accurate financial audits. The date of the next evaluation will be determined upon reaffirmation of accreditation.

March 14, 2019

To acknowledge receipt of the teach-out plan. To require that the institution complete and submit for approval due September 1, 2019, an updated comprehensive, implementable teach-out plan (Requirement of Affiliation 6: Teach-Out Plans and Agreements Policy and Procedures). In

accordance with Commission policy and federal regulations, the teach-out plan must provide for the equitable treatment of students to complete their education, if the Commission were to withdraw accreditation, and include any signed, teach-out agreements that the institution has entered into or intends to enter into with another institution.

January 11, 2019

To acknowledge receipt of the supplemental information report. To note that the report did not provide the requested evidence and was not conducive to Commission review. To require the institution to show cause, by January 25, 2019, to demonstrate why its accreditation should not be withdrawn because of insufficient evidence that the institution is in compliance with Standard VI (Planning, Resources, and Institutional Improvement), Requirements of Affiliation 11 and 14, and the Related Entities Policy. To note that the institution remains accredited while on show cause. To note further that federal regulations limit the period during which an institution may be in non-compliance to two years. To require a show cause report, due January 25, 2019, documenting evidence that the institution has achieved and can sustain ongoing compliance with the Commission's standards, requirements, policies and procedures, and federal compliance requirements. The show cause report must include evidence of (1) documented financial resources, funding base, and plans for financial development adequate to support its educational purposes and programs and to ensure financial stability (Standard VI and Requirement of Affiliation 11); (2) updated information on the impact of the Fiscal Oversight Management Board's plan and proposed restructuring on the institution's status and finances (Standard VI); (3) an annual independent audit confirming financial viability with evidence of follow-up on any concerns cited in the audit's accompanying management letter (Standard VI); (4) a record of responsible fiscal management, has a prepared budget for the current year, and undergoes an external financial audit on an annual basis (Standard VI and Requirement of Affiliation 11); and (5) certification by the related entity that it recognizes the Commission's compliance requirements and will ensure that responsibilities of the related entity are fulfilled, including making freely available to the Commission accurate, fair, and complete information through disclosure of information required by the Commission to carry out its accrediting responsibilities (Related Entities Policy; Requirement of Affiliation 14). To require that the institution complete and submit for approval, by January 25, 2019, a comprehensive, implementable teach-out plan (Teach-Out Plans and Agreements Policy and Procedures). In accordance with Commission policy and federal regulations, the teach-out plan must provide for the equitable treatment of students to complete their education, if the Commission were to withdraw accreditation, and include any signed, teach-out agreements that the institution has entered into or intends to enter into with another institution. To direct an on-site show cause visit following submission of the report. The purpose of the on-site show cause visit is to verify the information provided in the show cause report and the institution's ongoing and sustainable compliance with the Commission's standards, requirements, policies and procedures, and federal compliance requirements. To direct a prompt Commission liaison guidance visit to discuss the Commission's expectations. To note that the institution will be invited to appear before the Commission when it meets to consider the institution's

show cause report. The date of the next evaluation will be determined upon reaffirmation of accreditation.

January 7, 2019

To acknowledge receipt of the supplemental information report. To note that the report did not provide the requested evidence and was not conducive to Commission review. To require the institution to show cause, by January 25, 2019, to demonstrate why its accreditation should not be withdrawn because of insufficient evidence that the institution is in compliance with Standard VI (Planning, Resources, and Institutional Improvement), Requirements of Affiliation 11 and 14, and the Related Entities Policy. To note that the institution remains accredited while on show cause. To note further that federal regulations limit the period during which an institution may be in non-compliance to two years. To require a show cause report, due January 25, 2019, documenting evidence that the institution has achieved and can sustain ongoing compliance with the Commission's standards, requirements, policies and procedures, and federal compliance requirements. The show cause report must include evidence of (1) documented financial resources, funding base, and plans for financial development adequate to support its educational purposes and programs and to ensure financial stability (Standard VI and Requirement of Affiliation 11); (2) updated information on the impact of the Fiscal Oversight Management Board's plan and proposed restructuring on the institution's status and finances (Standard VI); (3) an annual independent audit confirming financial viability with evidence of follow-up on any concerns cited in the audit's accompanying management letter (Standard VI); (4) a record of responsible fiscal management, has a prepared budget for the current year, and undergoes an external financial audit on an annual basis (Standard VI and Requirement of Affiliation 11); and (5) certification by the related entity that it recognizes the Commission's compliance requirements and will ensure that responsibilities of the related entity are fulfilled, including making freely available to the Commission accurate, fair, and complete information through disclosure of information required by the Commission to carry out its accrediting responsibilities (Related Entities Policy; Requirement of Affiliation 14). To require that the institution complete and submit for approval, by January 25, 2019, a comprehensive, implementable teach-out plan (Teach-Out Plans and Agreements Policy and Procedures). In accordance with Commission policy and federal regulations, the teach-out plan must provide for the equitable treatment of students to complete their education, if the Commission were to withdraw accreditation, and include any signed, teach-out agreements that the institution has entered into or intends to enter into with another institution. To direct an on-site show cause visit following submission of the report. The purpose of the on-site show cause visit is to verify the information provided in the show cause report and the institution's ongoing and sustainable compliance with the Commission's standards, requirements, policies and procedures, and federal compliance requirements. To direct a prompt Commission liaison guidance visit to discuss the Commission's expectations. To note that the institution will be invited to appear before the Commission when it meets to consider the institution's show cause report. The date of the next evaluation will be determined upon reaffirmation of accreditation.

November 15, 2018

To acknowledge receipt of the supplemental information report. To note the visit by the Commission representatives. To request a supplemental information report due January 2, 2019, providing the audited financial statement and single audit for June 30th, 2017. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2020-2021.

June 21, 2018

To accept the supplemental information report of March 2018 and the monitoring report of September 2017. To note the visit from the Commission representatives. To request a supplemental information report, due September 1, 2018, providing (1) evidence that the institution has documented financial resources, funding base, and plans for financial development adequate to support its educational purposes and programs and to ensure financial stability (Standard V), (2) updated information on the impact of the Fiscal Oversight Management Board's plan and proposed restructuring on the institution's status and finances (Standard VI), and (3) evidence that the institution demonstrates a record of responsible fiscal management, has a prepared budget for the current year, and undergoes an external financial audit on an annual basis [Standard VI and Requirement of Affiliation 11]. A small team visit will follow submission of the report. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2020-2021.

February 15, 2018

To accept the supplemental information report. To request a supplemental information report, due March 15, 2018, regarding the status of the institution. In lieu of the April 2018 progress report, to request that the supplemental information report also address the topics of the progress report: (1) development of a long-term financial plan that aligns with the institution's mission, goals, and strategic plan and improves the institution's sustainability (formerly Standard 3, now Standard VI) and (2) implementation of a comprehensive enrollment plan (formerly Standard 8, now Standards IV and VI). A small team visit will follow submission of the report. To note that the monitoring report submitted in September 2017 will be acted upon at the June Commission meeting. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2020-2021.

October 19, 2017

To request a supplemental information report due, December 1, 2017, regarding the status of the institution. To note that the monitoring report has been received and will be acted on at the March Commission meeting. To note that a small team visit will not be conducted at this time.

May 18, 2017

To accept the Supplemental Information Report. To request a monitoring report, due September 1, 2017, documenting evidence that the institution has documented financial resources, funding base, and plans for financial development adequate to support its educational purposes and programs and to assure financial stability (Requirement of Affiliation 8 and Standard 3). A small team visit may

follow submission of the report. To remind the institution of its obligation to inform the Commission about any and all significant developments relevant to this action, including developments relevant to Title IV program responsibilities. To remind the institution of the Commission's request of November 17, 2016, for a progress report due April 1, 2018. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2020-2021.

May 2, 2017

Staff acted on behalf of the Commission to request a supplemental information report, due May 5, 2017, addressing concerns regarding recent developments at the institution which may have implications for current and future compliance with Requirements of Affiliation, Standards, or Commission Policies.

November 17, 2016

To accept the Periodic Review Report, reaffirm accreditation, and commend the institution for the quality of the Periodic Review Report process. To request a progress report due April 1, 2018, further documenting (1) development of a long-term financial plan that aligns with the institution's mission, goals, and strategic plan and improves the institution's sustainability (Standard 3) and (2) implementation of a comprehensive enrollment plan (Standard 8). The next self-study evaluation is scheduled for 2020-2021.

June 26, 2014

To accept the monitoring report. To remind the institution of its obligation to ensure timely production of audited financial statements. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2016.

November 21, 2013

To accept the supplemental information report. To request a monitoring report, due April 1, 2014, documenting evidence of an independent audit for FY2013, with evidence of follow-up on any concerns cited in the audit's accompanying management letter for both FY2012 and FY2013 (Standard 3). To remind the institution of its obligation to ensure timely production of audited financial statements. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2016.

June 25, 2013

To note that an extension has been granted for the submission of a supplemental information report that addresses the impact on institutional leadership of the recent changes in governance and administration, and actions planned or taken by the University to ensure ongoing compliance with Standards 4, 5 and 6. The supplemental information report is now due August 1, 2013. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2016.

June 13, 2013

To request, in accordance with the Commission's policy on Public Communication in the Accrediting

Process, a supplemental information report, due July 10, 2013, that addresses the impact on institutional leadership of the recent changes in governance and administration, and actions planned or taken by the University to ensure ongoing compliance with Standards 4, 5 and 6. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2016.

June 28, 2012

To accept the monitoring report. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2016.

June 23, 2011

To reaffirm accreditation. To request a monitoring report due March 1, 2012 documenting (1) steps taken to ensure timely production of audited financial statements for FY 2011 and subsequent years (Standard 3); (2) evidence of further implementation of the UPR Action Plan, including evidence that the action plan is being assessed and data are used for improvements; and (3) evidence of further progress in implementing a procedure for the periodic objective assessment of the Board of Trustees (Standard 4). The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2016.

June 25, 2009

To accept the progress letter.

June 25, 2009

To thank the institution for receiving the Commission's representative. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2010-2011.

*Please see the **Commission's Accreditation Actions Policy and Accreditation Actions Procedures***

Substantive Change Actions

Last 10 Years:

April 28, 2014

To acknowledge receipt of the substantive change request. To note that the institution has closed its additional location at UPR Mayaguez Campus, Call Box 9000, Mayaguez, PR 00681. To remove this additional location from the institution's accreditation. To note that the monitoring report, due April 1, 2014, has been received and will be acted on at the June Commission meeting. The Periodic Review Report is due June 1, 2016.

*Please see the Commission's **Substantive Change Policy and Substantive Change Procedures***

Credential Levels

- **Postsecondary Award (< 1 Year) Approval:** Not approved to offer programs at this credential level
- **Postsecondary Award (1-2 Yrs) Approval:** Not approved to offer programs at this credential level
- **Postsecondary Award (2-4 Yrs) Approval:** Not approved to offer programs at this credential level
- **Associate's Degree Or Equivalent Approval:** Approved to offer programs at this credential level
- **Bachelor's Degree Or Equivalent Approval:** Approved to offer programs at this credential level
- **Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Approval:** Approved to offer programs at this credential level
- **Master's Degree Or Equivalent Approval :** Approved to offer programs at this credential level
- **Post-Master's Certificate Approval:** Approved to offer programs at this credential level
- **Doctor's Degree - Other Approval:** Not approved to offer programs at this credential level
- **Doctor's Degree - Professional Practice Approval:** Approved to offer programs at this credential level
- **Doctor's Degree- Research/Scholarship Approval:** Approved to offer programs at this credential level

The Commission does not approve individual programs or courses. All of the institution's offerings are reviewed either as part of the institution's self-study evaluation or through substantive change review and, therefore, are included within the scope of accreditation.

Locations

Main Campus

UPR - Medical Sciences Campus

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