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: UPR – MEDICAL SCIENCES CAMPUS San Juan, PR
Chief Executive Officer: Dr. Segundo Rodriguez Quilichini, Chancellor
Carnegie Classification: Special Focus Four-Year: Medical Schools & Centers » Four-year, small, primarily nonresidential
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Accreditation Summary

*For more information, see the Commission’s [Accreditation Actions Policy and Procedures](https://www.msche.org/institution/0617/?pss=true).*

**Phase:** Accredited  
**Status:** Accreditation Reaffirmed  
**Accreditation Granted:** 1949  
**Last Reaffirmation:** 2019  
**Next Self-Study Evaluation:** 2021-2022  
**Next Mid-Point Peer Review:** 2025
Alternative Delivery Methods

The following represents approved alternative delivery methods included in the scope of the institution's accreditation:

**Distance Education**
Not approved for 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:

- Associate's Degree or Equivalent
- Bachelor's Degree or Equivalent
- Post-baccalaureate Certificate
- Master's Degree or Equivalent
- Post-Master's Certificate
- Doctor's Degree - Professional Practice
- Doctor's Degree - Research/Scholarship
## Locations

The following represents branch campuses, additional locations, and other instructional sites that are included within the scope of the institution’s accreditation:

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Definitions: For definitions of branch campus, additional locations, or other instructional sites, see the Commission’s Substantive Change Policy and Procedures.
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.

**April 16, 2020**
To acknowledge receipt of formal written notice from the institution in response to the Commission’s request of March 9, 2020. To temporarily waive Substantive Change Policy and Procedures and allow the use of distance education to accommodate students impacted by coronavirus (COVID-19) interruptions, in accordance with United States Department of Education (USDE) guidelines published March 5, 2020. Continued use of distance education beyond the limitations of USDE guidelines will require substantive change approval in accordance with Substantive Change Policy and Procedures. This flexibility is not available for clock-hour courses that lead to licensure if the licensing body will not accept distance learning courses or hours or give credit for them toward the number of hours a student must complete. The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2021-2022.

**April 16, 2020**
To acknowledge receipt of the monitoring report. To delay the On-Site Follow-up visit scheduled for Spring 2020 due to extraordinary circumstances related to coronavirus (COVID-19) interruptions and to continue accreditation. To note the institution remains accredited during a delay granted by the Commission. The Follow-Up visit will be scheduled in accordance with Commission policy and procedures.

**November 21, 2019**
To acknowledge receipt of the supplemental information report. To request a supplemental information report, due September 1, 2020, addressing the institution’s status with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). The next evaluation visit is scheduled for 2021-2022.

**October 8, 2019**
To note that the Commission acted on June 27, 2019 and the Teach-Out Plan that was due September 1, 2019 is no longer required.

**October 8, 2019**
To note that the Commission acted on June 27, 2019 and the Show Cause Report that was due September 1, 2019 is no longer required.

**June 27, 2019**
To acknowledge receipt of the supplemental information report. To reaffirm accreditation because the institution is now in compliance with Standard VI
(Planning, Resources, and Institutional Improvement) and Requirement of Affiliation 11. To request a monitoring report due, March 16, 2020, in lieu of the show cause report due September 1, 2019, demonstrating further evidence of sustainability of implemented corrective measures, including but not limited to: (1) improvements in the institution’s annual closing processes and implementation of effective monitoring controls over financial information (Standard VI); (2) the development of multi-year financial plans for the institution that produce balanced budgets, including appropriate revenue assumptions (Standard VI); (3) management of financial reporting that provides for reliable financial data at the institutional level (Standard VI); (4) submission of the 2019 annual audits (Standard VI); and (5) the planning and implementation of restructuring for sustainability (Standard VI). To note that a teach-out plan will no longer be required. To direct a follow-up team visit following submission of the monitoring report. The next evaluation visit is now scheduled for 2021-2022.

June 27, 2019

To note the visit by the Commission’s representatives.

June 12, 2019

Staff acted on behalf of the Commission to request a supplemental information report, due September 1, 2019, addressing the action by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) which may have implications for current and future compliance with Standard III: Design and Delivery of the Student Learning Experience; Standard IV: Support of the Student Experience; and Requirement of Affiliation 6.

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.

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.
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