

MSCHE Accreditation 2020-2021

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MSCHE Renews Accreditation Model

BUT WITH CHANGES.....

Changes -- In a Nutshell

Old MSCHE

- ▶ 14 standards
- ▶ PRR (Periodic Review Report) every 5 years
- ▶ Compliance Report
- ▶ 10 year cycle self-study & visit

New MSCHE

- ▶ 7 standards
- ▶ AIU (Annual Institutional Update) -- every year
- ▶ MPPR (Midpoint Peer Review) – every 4 years
- ▶ Requirements of Affiliation
- ▶ 8 year cycle self-study & visit

New 7 Standards



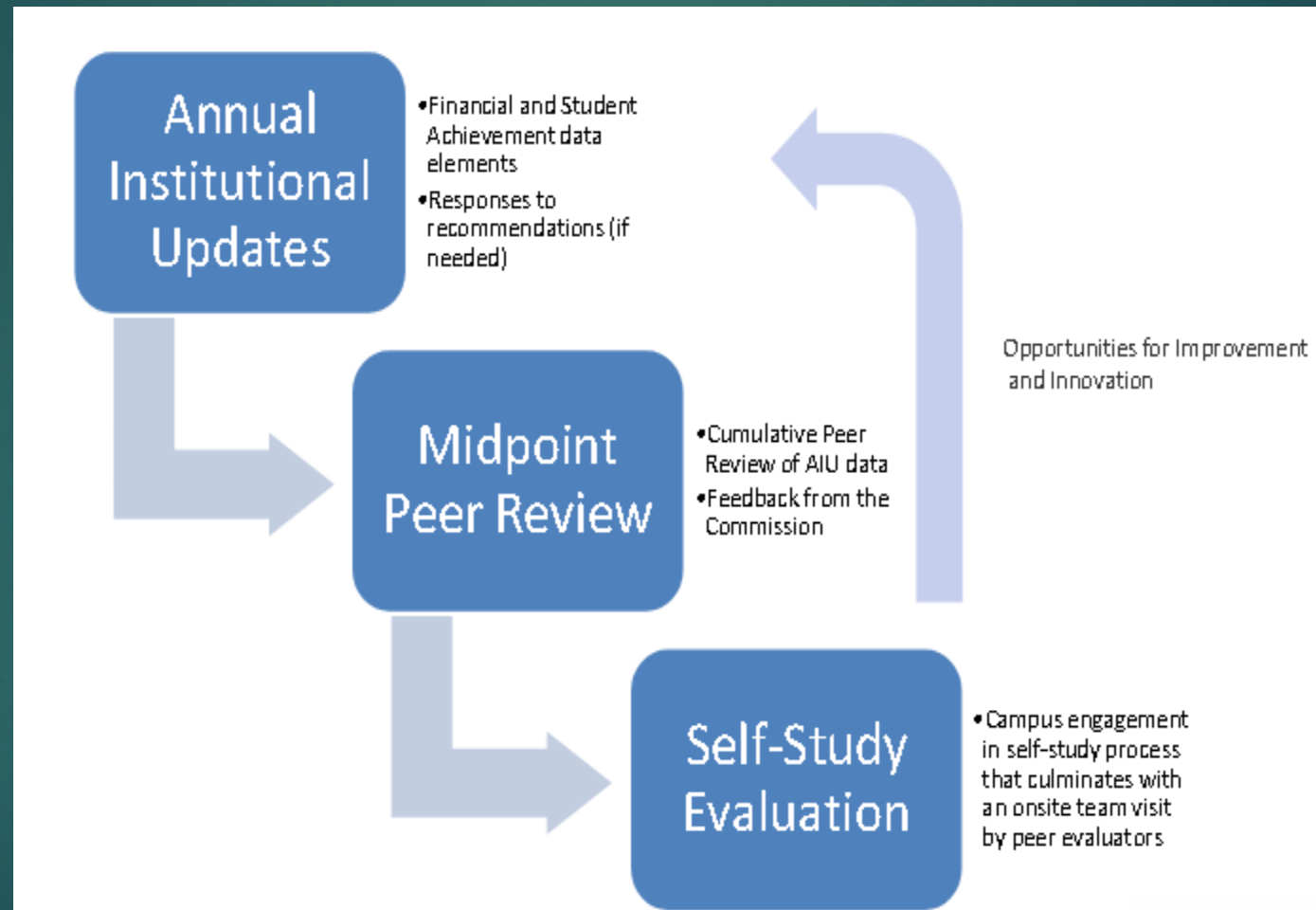
New Requirements of Affiliation

Assure that the institution is eligible for new accreditation or renewed accreditation

- Legal and policy driven
- 15 criteria (examples):
 - Is authorized and licensed to operate
 - Complies with government rules and regs
 - Has a board-approved mission, defines purpose
 - Is operational (has students enrolled)
 - Systematically evaluates academic, other entities and publicizes
 - Follows ethical guidelines (i.e., conflict of interest, etc.)
 - Fully discloses to the accreditation body

(<https://www.wpunj.edu/dotAsset/1a88bdd2-3f25-40d6-9e2e-2e36c55d0d94.pdf>)

New Process – Linked Cycle



Source: Cumberland County College

New Annual Institutional Update (AIU)

Goal of AIU:

- ▶ Yearly measurement of institutional health
- ▶ Implement for review of institution by MPPR team

Focus:

- ▶ Student achievement
- ▶ Financial Health of the institution
- ▶ Contextual documentation

New Mid-Point Peer Review (MPPR)

Goal of MPPR:

- ▶ Review prior 4 years of AIUs; make recommendations

Focus:

- ▶ Student achievement
- ▶ Financial Health of the institution
- ▶ Attention to issues for improvement raised in previous AIUs

The 8-year Self-Study

Continuing

- ▶ Mission focus
- ▶ Peer review
- ▶ Training and support

Refreshed

- ▶ Intentional Outcomes
- ▶ Institutional Priorities
- ▶ Self-Study Approaches
- ▶ Evidence Inventory(replaces document repository)
- ▶ Resources

WPU Implementation Schedule

- ▶ 1st new AIU Fall 2018 (Spring 2019 & annually thereafter)
- ▶ 1st 7-std Self-Study Spring 2019-Fall 2020
- ▶ 1st 7-std Site Visit Spring 2021
- ▶ 1st new MPPR 2025

Where are we now?

- ▶ Launch of re-accreditation by President Helldobler
- ▶ Appointment of Steering Committee co-chairs by Provost
- ▶ Self-Study Institute for visits in 2020-21 (that's us!)- Nov 5-7, 2018
- ▶ MSCHE conference (Lincoln, Hill, Runfeldt, Liautaud)-Nov 28-30, 2018
- ▶ Planning (ongoing) of self-study design :
 - ▶ Setting up working groups, steering committee
 - ▶ Investigating platform for self-study draft sharing
 - ▶ fleshing out timeline
 - ▶ preparing resources for working groups, steering committee
 - ▶ training and coordination of Campus Labs (assessment data platform)
- ▶ Creation of WPU re-accreditation website

WPU MSCHE Re-accreditation Website

<https://www.wpunj.edu/middle-states-self-study>

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