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Update on Renewal of the Accreditation Model

Here is the most recent news related to the renewal of the Middle States accreditation model—Standards, cycle, processes. Implementation of all the changes is proceeding smoothly and on schedule.

Town Hall Presentation Slides

As promised at this fall's Town Hall Meetings in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, the presentations from both the morning meeting and the afternoon overview of the Annual Institutional Update are now available on the Commission's website:

- [Click here for the presentation at the Town Hall Meeting](#)
- [Click here for the presentation on the Overview of the Annual Institutional Update](#)

Annual Conference

Two plenary sessions at the MSCHE Annual Conference on December 6-8 in Philadelphia will address the implementation of [the Standards for Accreditation and Requirements of Affiliation \(2014\)](#) and of the renewal of the Middle States accreditation model. Many of the concurrent sessions are related to the new Standards. [Click here to register for the Annual Conference.](#)

Standards for Accreditation and Requirements of Affiliation (2014)

Videos with extensive information about interpreting and applying each of the [Standards](#) are now available to institutions, evaluators, and the public on the Commission's website. [Click here to view the videos.](#)

News for Institutions That Would Have Had a PRR in 2018 or Beyond

The Periodic Review Report (PRR) included a section that required the institution to report on what it had done since its last self-study evaluation to respond to the recommendations it received from its evaluation team and that it identified for itself in its Self-Study Report.

Because the PRR is no longer part of the Middle States accreditation cycle, an institution's update on its responses to those two kinds of recommendations will now take place in two ways:

All Institutions, All Recommendations

In support of continuous improvement, all institutions will carefully reflect on their evaluation team and self-identified recommendations to inform the development of their next self-study. No other updates are required and there is no process for submitting or accepting them.

By Request

Only those institutions whose accreditation action from the Commission includes a request for additional information in conjunction with its Annual Institutional Update will provide such an update before its next self-study. Guidance on this submission will be provided to these institutions.

In the new accreditation cycle each Self-Study Report is linked to the previous one because this report includes a review of the institution's responses to the opportunities for improvement and innovation identified in the previous Report, and is linked to the next Self-Study Report because the opportunities for improvement identified in this report will be pursued before and addressed in that next Report.

Questions may be directed to the institution's MSCHE Vice President liaison.