

# MSCHE What and Why?

## Middle States Commission on Higher Education

- 1. What**

An institutional higher education accrediting body with jurisdiction primarily in the Northeast U.S. Includes PA, NY, NJ, Maryland, Delaware, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico.
- 2. Statement of Purpose**

MSCHE mandates that its member institutions meet rigorous and comprehensive standards, which are addressed in the context of the mission of each institution and within the culture of ethical practices and institutional integrity expected of accredited institutions. Expectations are defined through 7 standards and accompanying federal requirements.
- 3. SRU**

Initial Accreditation: 1943  
Last Reaffirmation: 2021  
Next Self-Study Evaluation: 2028-2029  
Next Site Visit: Spring 2029

## MSCHE and SRU

What do you need to know?

### 4. Federal Financial Aid

Under Title IV of the Higher Education Act, the U.S. government requires colleges to be regionally or nationally accredited in order to receive funding. This means that MSCHE Accreditation gives SRU students access to federal financial aid.

### 5. Self Assessment and Improvement

MSCHE principles support and expect continuous self-study and improvement. Assessment of every aspect of SRU's mission and goals is utilized in this process and across all of the standards and requirements.