



**Commission on Colleges  
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools**

**INSTITUTIONAL SUMMARY FORM  
PREPARED FOR COMMISSION REVIEWS**

**Name of Institution** *Medical University of South Carolina*

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**Educational Programs**

1. Level of offerings (Check all that apply)

- Diploma or certificate program(s) requiring less than one year beyond Grade 12
- Diploma or certificate program(s) of at least two but fewer than four years of work beyond Grade 12
- Associate degree program(s) requiring a minimum of 60 semester hours or the equivalent designed for transfer to a baccalaureate institution
- Associate degree program(s) requiring a minimum of 60 semester hours or the equivalent not designed for transfer
- Four or five-year baccalaureate degree program(s) requiring a minimum of 120 semester hours or the equivalent
- Professional degree program(s)
- Master's degree program(s)
- Work beyond the master's level but not at the doctoral level (such as Specialist in Education)
- Doctoral degree program(s)
- Other (Specify) Post-Baccalaureate and Post-Masters Certificate Programs

Types of Undergraduate Programs (Check all that apply)

- Occupational certificate or diploma program(s)
- Occupational degree program(s)
- Two-year programs designed for transfer to a baccalaureate institution
- Liberal Arts and General
- Teacher Preparatory
- Professional
- Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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***History and Characteristics***

Chartered in 1824, the Medical University of South Carolina has expanded from a small private college for the training of physicians to a state university with a medical center and six colleges for the education of a broad range of health professionals, biomedical scientists and other health related personnel. Since its inception the University has awarded more than 25,500 degrees. MUSC is a health science center comprised of colleges of Dental Medicine, Graduate Studies, Health Professions, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy, and a 600-bed referral and teaching hospital. It awards fully accredited bachelor degrees, master degrees, first professional degrees, and doctoral degrees. The mission of the university is to preserve and optimize human life in South Carolina and beyond through the education of health care professionals and biomedical scientists, research in the health sciences, and provision of comprehensive health care. MUSC is an upper division/graduate institution that stands independently as an academic health center, has admissions criteria which vary both among and within its six colleges, does not offer general education course work, charges tuition and fees that vary by academic program and year within program, enrolls students who make career decisions prior to matriculation, and exhibits low attrition and high graduation rates. The university serves a southeastern United States, national, international ethnically diverse student population dedicated to professional careers in the health care industry. MUSC boasts eight peer institutions: Medical College of Georgia, Oregon Health & Science University, Louisiana State University Health Science Center-New Orleans, University of Mississippi Medical Center, University of Nebraska Medical Center, University of Oklahoma Health Science Center, University of California-San Francisco, and University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio.

***List of Degrees***

Baccalaureate

BSCP

BHS

BSN

Cardiovascular Perfusion

Health Sciences

Nursing

Masters

MS

Biomedical Sciences

Clinical Research

Cytology and Biosciences

MHA

Health Administration

MHS

Health Sciences

Periodontics

MSN

Nurse Administrator

MSNA	Nurse Educator
MSPAS	Nurse Midwife
MRS	Nurse Practitioner
	Nurse Anesthesia
	Physician Assistant Studies
	Rehabilitation Science
<u>First Professional</u>	
DMD	Dentistry
MD	Medicine
PharmD	Pharmacy
<u>Doctorate</u>	
PhD	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
	Biostatistics/Bioinformatics
	Cell Molecular Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics
	Experimental Pathology & Laboratory Medicine
	Molecular & Cellular Biology & Pathobiology
	Nursing
	Microbiology & Immunology
	Neurosciences
	Pharmaceutical Sciences
	Dentistry/Graduate Studies
	Medicine/Graduate Studies
	Pharmacy/Graduate Studies
	Health Administration
	Physical Therapy
DMD/PhD	
MD/PhD	
PharmD/PhD	
DHA	
DPT	
<u>Post-Baccalaureate Certificate</u>	
	Health Systems/Health System Administration
<u>Post-Masters Certificates</u>	
	Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
	Nurse Family Practitioner
	Nurse Midwifery
	Nursing-Administration
	Nursing-Adult Health
	Nursing-Gerontology
	Nursing-Parent Child
	Psychiatric-Mental Health

### ***Locations and Distance Education***

All coursework toward a degree or certificate offered through traditional instruction is located on the Charleston, SC campus only. No traditional instruction coursework is offered at any other geographical location.

The College of Health Professions offers over 45 degree-granting distance education courses in three degree programs: Bachelor in Health Science, Master of Health Administration, and Doctor of Health Administration. These programs are offered primarily online with one or two on-campus sessions required for each course offering. Over 100 students enroll annually for these three programs those students

being distributed across South Carolina and the United States. The College of Nursing offers over 40 online courses in seven online degree programs. These degree programs include an RN-BSN program, several online Masters of Science in Nursing programs, and a PhD in Nursing Science program. Over 100 students are enrolled in these online programs drawing students nationwide, the southeast, and South Carolina.

**Accreditation**

<b>University</b>	<b>Accrediting Body</b>	<b>Last Accreditation</b>
MUSC	Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools	1996

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Dental Medicine	American Dental Association	2003
Anesthesia for Nurses	American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs	1999
Physician Assistant	Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA)	2004
Cardiovascular Perfusion Technology	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (upon recommendation of the Accreditation Committee for Perfusion Education)	1999
Cytology and Biosciences	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs	2003
Occupational Therapy	American Occupational Therapy Association	2003
Physical Therapy	American Physical Therapy Association, Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education	2002
Speech Language Pathology	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association	2005

Health Administration	Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education	2005
Medicine	American Medical Association Council on Medical Education and Association of American Medical Colleges, Liaison Committee On Medical Education	2005
Nursing	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education	2005
Nurse Midwifery	American College of Nurse-Midwives	2004
Pharmacy	Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education	2003
Professional Psychology (IPSY)	American Psychological Association	2002
Dietetics (DIETI)	The American Dietetic Association, through the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education	2000

***Relationship to the U.S. Department of Education***

The Medical University of South Carolina has no limitations, suspensions, or termination by the U.S. Department of Education in regard to student financial aid or other financial aid programs during the previous three years. The University is not on reimbursement or any other exceptional status in regard to federal or state financial aid.