



Greetings from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) Standard I Group! As you know, Centenary University has embarked on its MSCHE Self-Study. The Self-Study is completed every 8-10 years and serves as an affirmation of the achievement of university goals through a self-regulated and peer reviewed process. There are 7 (seven) MSCHE standards the University will address as part of the Self-Study.

Standard I addresses **Mission and Goals** and has four (4) criteria and numerous sub-criteria that will be addressed to demonstrate:

*“The institution’s mission [that] defines its purpose within the context of higher education, the students it serves, and what it intends to accomplish. The institution’s stated goals are clearly linked to its mission and specify how the institution fulfills its mission.”*

In short, Standard I examines how people understand the mission and how is it used in our everyday campus lives. It is led by Dr. Lisa Mastrangelo and Pastor Tim Nicinski. Standard I is important to Centenary because it provides an opportunity to review the ways in which campus constituents understand the mission and the role it plays in our campus planning.



Standard I asks us to examine three questions: 1. Do we have a mission statement that is clear, thoughtful, and communicated to the campus? 2. Do we live out the mission, and if so, how and in what ways? 3. Does it “work” as a functional part of our planning processes?



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