

Abstracted Summary of Final Actions: February 2019

Pursuant to §602.26 of Title 34 of U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, this report abstracts substantive changes only from all final actions taken recently by The Commission on Accrediting of The Association of Theological Schools (COAATS). Canadian schools are not included in this report. References correspond to the [compendium of accrediting documents](#). Information on individual schools can be found by accessing our [member school list](#).

At its semiannual meeting February 7-8, 2019, in Pittsburgh, PA, the Board of Commissioners of COAATS voted on the below actions with an effective date of **February 8, 2019**, unless otherwise noted.

ACTION(S) RELATED TO PERIODS OF ACCREDITATION

Anderson University School of Theology - Anderson, IN

1. To reaffirm the accreditation of Anderson University School of Theology for a period of ten years, with the next comprehensive evaluation visit in fall of 2028, one term before the period of accreditation expires on March 31, 2029.
2. To approve the following degree program(s):
 - Master of Divinity
 - Master of Arts in Christian Ministry
 - Master of Theological Studies
3. To approve the following extension site(s): None

Andover Newton Theological School - Newton Centre, MA

To accept Andover Newton Theological School's *withdrawal* from accredited membership in the Commission effective June 30, 2019 (teach-out plan previously approved: June 2016).

Ashland Theological Seminary - Ashland, OH

1. To reaffirm the accreditation of Ashland Theological Seminary for a period of ten years, with the next comprehensive evaluation visit in fall of 2028, one term before the period of accreditation expires on March 31, 2029.
2. To approve the following degree program(s):
 - Master of Divinity
 - Master of Arts in Black Church Studies
 - Master of Arts in Christian Ministries
 - Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
 - Master of Arts in Counseling
 - Master of Arts (Biblical Studies)
 - Master of Arts (Historical and Theological Studies)
 - Doctor of Ministry

The following degrees are in teach-out status and are no longer accepting new students:

 - Master of Arts in Chaplaincy
 - Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling and Care
 - Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation
3. To approve the following extension site(s):
 - a. Cleveland Center (6500 Rockside Road, Suite 130, Independence, OH 44131) as a complete degree-granting site for the Master of Divinity degree, the Master of Arts in Christian Ministries degree, and the Doctor of Ministry degree, and as an ongoing course site offering less than half of any other basic master's degree program already approved.
 - b. Columbus Center (1900 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43229), as a complete degree-granting site for the Master of Divinity degree, the Master of Arts in Christian Ministries degree, and Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree, and as an ongoing course site offering less than half of any other basic master's degree program already approved.

- c. Detroit Center (24901 Northwestern Highway, Suite 600, Southfield, MI 48075) as a complete degree-granting site for the Master of Divinity degree, the Master of Arts in Christian Ministries degree, and the Master of Arts in Counseling degree, and as an ongoing course site offering less than half of any other basic master's degree program already approved and less than half of the Doctor of Ministry degree.

Barry University Department of Theology and Philosophy - Miami Shores, FL

1. To reaffirm the accreditation of Barry University Department of Theology and Philosophy for a period of ten years, with the next comprehensive evaluation visit in fall of 2028, one term before the period of accreditation expires on March 31, 2029.
2. To approve the following degree program(s):
 - Master of Arts in Practical Theology and Ministry
 - Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry for Hispanics
 - Doctor of Ministry
3. To approve the following extension site(s): 7700 SW 56 Street, Miami, FL 33155 (South East Pastoral Institute) as a complete degree-granting site only for the Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry for Hispanics.

Eden Theological Seminary - St. Louis, MO

1. To reaffirm the accreditation of Eden Theological Seminary for a period of ten years, with the next comprehensive evaluation visit in fall of 2028, one term before the period of accreditation expires on March 31, 2029.
2. To approve the following degree program(s):
 - Master of Divinity
 - Master of Arts in Professional Ministry
 - Master of Community Leadership
 - Master of Theological Studies
 - Doctor of Ministry
3. To approve the following extension site(s): None

Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary of Fresno Pacific University - Fresno, CA

1. To reaffirm the accreditation of Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary for a period of ten years, with the next comprehensive evaluation visit in fall of 2028, one term before the period of accreditation expires on March 31, 2029.
2. To approve the following degree program(s):
 - Master of Divinity
 - Master of Arts in Christian Ministry
 - Master of Arts in Ministry, Leadership and Culture
 - Master of Arts in Community Leadership and Transformation
 - Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy
 - Master of Arts (Old Testament, New Testament, Theology)
3. To approve the following extension site(s): None [see p. 5, below]

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary - Evanston, IL

1. To reaffirm the accreditation of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary for a period of ten years, with the next comprehensive evaluation visit in fall of 2028, one term before the period of accreditation expires on March 31, 2029.
2. To approve the following degree program(s):
 - Master of Divinity
 - Master of Arts in Christian Education
 - Master of Arts in Music Ministry
 - Master of Arts in Pastoral Care and Counseling
 - Master of Arts in Public Ministry
 - Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation and Direction
 - Master of Theological Studies
 - Doctor of Ministry
 - Doctor of Philosophy
3. To approve the following extension site(s): None

Grand Canyon Theological Seminary at Grand Canyon University - Phoenix, AZ

1. To grant initial accreditation to Grand Canyon Theological Seminary for a period of seven years, with the next comprehensive evaluation visit in fall of 2025, one term before the period of accreditation expires on March 31, 2026.
2. To approve the following degree program(s):
 - Master of Divinity
 - Master of Arts in Christian Leadership
 - Master of Arts in Christian Ministry
 - Master of Arts in Youth and Family Ministry
 - Master of Arts in Urban Ministry
3. To approve the following extension site(s): None

Harding School of Theology - Memphis, TN

1. To reaffirm the accreditation of Harding School of Theology for a period of ten years, with the next comprehensive evaluation visit in fall of 2028, one term before the period of accreditation expires on March 31, 2029.
2. To approve the following degree program(s):
 - Master of Divinity
 - Master of Arts in Christian Ministry
 - Master of Arts
 - Doctor of Ministry

NOTE: The school no longer offers the Master of Arts in Counseling, which has been transferred to another department within the university. The school is in a teach-out phase with that program for six remaining students, the last of whom are expected to finish in two years.
3. To approve the following extension site(s): None

Harvard University Divinity School - Cambridge, MA

To approve Harvard University Divinity School's request for *delay* of its next comprehensive visit (*from* fall 2022 *to* fall 2023), and to adjust the school's period of accreditation accordingly—i.e., to expire on March 31, 2024.

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology - Brookline, MA

1. To reaffirm the accreditation of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology for a period of five years, with the next comprehensive evaluation visit in fall of 2023, one term before the period of accreditation expires on March 31, 2024.
2. To approve the following degree program(s):
 - Master of Divinity
 - Master of Theological Studies
 - Master of Theology
3. To approve the following extension site(s): None

Logsdon Seminary of Logsdon School of Theology of Hardin-Simmons University - Abilene, TX

To approve Logsdon Seminary of Logsdon School of Theology's request for *delay* of its next comprehensive visit (*from* spring 2021 *to* spring 2022), and to adjust the school's period of accreditation accordingly—i.e., to expire on July 31, 2022.

Methodist Theological School in Ohio - Delaware, OH

1. To reaffirm the accreditation of Methodist Theological School in Ohio for a period of ten years, with the next comprehensive evaluation visit in fall of 2028, one term before the period of accreditation expires on March 31, 2029.
2. To approve the following degree program(s):
 - Master of Divinity
 - Master of Arts in Counseling Ministries
 - Master of Arts in Practical Theology
 - Master of Arts in Social Justice
 - Master of Theological Studies
 - Doctor of Ministry
3. To approve the following extension site(s): None

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary of California Lutheran University - Berkeley, CA

1. To reaffirm the accreditation of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary for a period of ten years, with the next comprehensive evaluation visit in fall of 2028, one term before the period of accreditation expires on March 31, 2029.
2. To approve the following degree program(s):
Master of Divinity
NOTE: The Board has decided *not* to approve the Master of Theological Studies degree program, as the last student graduated from this program in spring 2016, which exceeds the one-year hiatus of a degree program allowed by the Board's *Policy Manual*, Appendix 3, section 3.g.
3. To approve the following extension site(s): None

Payne Theological Seminary - Wilberforce, OH

1. To reaffirm the accreditation of Payne Theological Seminary for a period of seven years, with the next comprehensive evaluation visit in the fall of 2025, one term before the period of accreditation expires on March 31, 2026.
2. To approve the following degree program(s):
Master of Divinity
Doctor of Ministry
3. To approve the following extension site(s): None

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary - Wynnewood, PA

1. To reaffirm the accreditation of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary for a period of ten years, with the next comprehensive evaluation visit in fall of 2028, one term before the period of accreditation expires on March 31, 2029.
2. To approve the following degree program(s):
Master of Divinity
Master of Arts
Master of Arts (Philosophical Studies)
Master of Arts (Theology)
3. To approve the following extension site(s): None

Western Seminary - Portland, OR

1. To reaffirm the accreditation of Western Seminary for a period of ten years, with the next comprehensive evaluation visit in fall of 2028, one term before the period of accreditation expires on March 31, 2029.
2. To approve the following degree program(s):
Master of Divinity
Master of Arts in Ministry and Leadership
Master of Arts in Global Leadership
Master of Arts in Counseling
Master of Arts in Marital and Family Therapy
Master of Arts (Biblical and Theological Studies)
Master of Theology
Doctor of Ministry
Doctor of Intercultural Studies
Doctor of Education
3. To approve the following extension site(s):
 - a. The extension site at 1000 S Park Victoria Drive, Milpitas, CA 95035 (Christ Community Church of Milpitas) as a full degree-granting site for the following four degrees: Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Ministry and Leadership, Master of Arts in Marital and Family Therapy, and Master of Arts (Biblical and Theological Studies).
 - b. The extension site at 290 Technology Way, #200, Rocklin, CA 95765 as a full degree-granting site for the following four degrees: Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Marital and Family Therapy, Master of Arts in Ministry and Leadership, and Master of Arts (Biblical and Theological Studies).

ACTION(S) RELATED TO NEW/REVISED DEGREES

Abilene Christian University Graduate School of Theology - Abilene, TX

To approve the Master of Arts (Theological Studies).

American Baptist Seminary of the West - Berkeley, CA

To approve the Master of Theological Studies.

Campbell University Divinity School - Buies Creek, NC

To approve the Master of Arts in Faith and Leadership Formation.

Columbia Biblical Seminary of Columbia International University - Columbia, SC

To approve the Doctor of Ministerial Leadership.

Freed-Hardeman University Graduate School of Theology - Henderson, TN

To approve the Master of Arts (New Testament).

Georgia Central University School of Divinity - Atlanta, GA

To approve the Doctor of Philosophy (Intercultural Studies).

Houston Graduate School of Theology - Houston, TX

To approve the Doctor of Professional Counseling.

New Brunswick Theological Seminary - New Brunswick, NJ

To approve the Master of Theological Studies.

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary - Wake Forest, NC

To approve the Master of Arts in Student Ministry.

ACTION(S) RELATED TO NEW/EXPANDED/RELOCATED EXTENSION SITES

(none)

ACTION(S) RELATED TO CLOSING/RELOCATING SITES/CAMPUSES OFFERING AT LEAST HALF A DEGREE

Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School - Rochester, NY

1. To approve the relocation of the school's main campus *from* 1100 S Goodman Street, Rochester, NY 14620 *to* 320 N Goodman Street, Rochester, NY 14607, effective May 15, 2019.
2. To authorize a focused evaluation visit to the new campus location within six months of the relocation. (Visit anticipated: fall 2019)
3. To approve the school's teach-out plan since it meets the criteria for evaluating teach-out plans described in the Board of Commissioners' *Policy Manual*, Appendix 5.

Columbia Biblical Seminary of Columbia International University - Columbia, SC

1. To approve the closing of the complete degree extension site located at 1032 Metropolitan Parkway SW, Atlanta, GA 30310 (Salvation Army Southeast, Evangeline Booth College School for Continuing Education), where the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts (Theological Studies), and Master of Arts in Ministry Studies degree programs are currently offered. The site will close effective May 3, 2019, at which point all remaining students who wish to complete a degree will do so through the school's online offerings.
2. To approve the school's teach-out plan since it meets the criteria for evaluating teach-out plans described in the Board of Commissioners' *Policy Manual*, Appendix 5.

Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary of Fresno Pacific University - Fresno, CA

To *withdraw* approval of the complete degree extension site located at 245 N Plaza Drive, Visalia, CA 93291, which had been previously approved in 2015 to offer the Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy. The school is reminded that it will need to teach-out the students currently admitted to the program at the extension site, and that it must not admit any new students to that site.

Sioux Falls Seminary - Sioux Falls, SD

Commission staff action on behalf of the Board of Commissioners to receive notification that the partial-degree site (more-than-half degree) located at four venues in Omaha, NE (404 S 108th Avenue

[Christ Community Church], 2500 California Plaza [Creighton University], 15002 Blondo Street [Covenant Presbyterian Church], and 1311 S 9th Street [Grace University]) is closed with no students remaining. [Effective date: January 24, 2019]

United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities - New Brighton, MN [formerly]

1. To approve the relocation of the school's main campus *from* 3000 5th Street NW, New Brighton, MN 55112 *to* 767 Eustis Street, Suite 140, St. Paul, MN 55114, effective January 13, 2019.
2. To authorize a focused evaluation visit to the new campus location within six months of the relocation. (Visit anticipated: spring 2019)
3. To approve the school's teach-out plan since it meets the criteria for evaluating teach-out plans described in the Board of Commissioners' *Policy Manual*, Appendix 5.

Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University - Marion, IN

In light of the school's notification, to *rescind* approval (granted in May 2018) to open a complete-degree site at 8211 W Jefferson Boulevard, Fort Wayne, IN 46804 (Fort Wayne Education Center).

ACTION(S) RELATED TO CHANGE IN GOVERNANCE OR OF INSTITUTIONAL NAME

Biblical Theological Seminary [formerly] - Hatfield, PA

To acknowledge notification of an institutional name change *from* Biblical Theological Seminary *to* MISSIO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Church Divinity School of the Pacific - Berkeley, CA

To approve the school's request for a change of governance resulting from being acquired by Trinity Church in the City of New York (anticipated effective date of transaction: April 1, 2019).

Seattle Pacific Seminary of Seattle Pacific University [formerly] - Seattle, WA

To acknowledge notification of an institutional name change *from* Seattle Pacific Seminary of Seattle Pacific University *to* SEATTLE PACIFIC SEMINARY.

ACTION(S) RELATED TO THE REMOVAL OF NOTATION

A notation is a warning, i.e., negative action, to denote that a school partially meets a given Standard, which it must fully meet within two years or face withdrawal of accreditation, i.e., adverse action. See Policies and Procedures, section VII.E.

Memphis Theological Seminary - Memphis, TN

To remove the March 2017 warning on assessment of student learning: Notation N9.c.

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