Loyola University Chicago Institute of Pastoral Studies has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation (COA) of The Association of Theological Schools since 2000. The school’s accreditation was last reaffirmed in summer 2019, based on an institutional self-study report and an onsite evaluation visit by a committee of peer and public reviewers. The school’s current period of accreditation expires July 31, 2026.

The school’s current status of Accredited in Good Standing means the school meets all applicable COA Standards of Accreditation. The school demonstrates educational quality and financial stability and provides evidence that its student learning outcomes are appropriate, rigorous, and being achieved. The school has no public sanctions (notation/warning, probation, or show cause).

The school is approved to offer the following degree(s): MDiv, MA in Christian Spirituality, MA in Counseling for Ministry, MA in Pastoral Counseling, MA in Pastoral Studies, MA in Social Justice

The Board has granted approval for the school to offer distance (online) education at the following level: Comprehensive (Half or More of a Degree)

The school does not have approval for any additional location(s) to offer half or more of a degree.