

Abstracted Summary of Final Actions: August-September 2021

Pursuant to §602.26 of Title 34 of U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, this report abstracts from all final actions taken recently by The Commission on Accrediting of The Association of Theological Schools (COAATS) concerning substantive changes only for schools in the US (Canadian schools are not included in this report). The membership of COAATS has adopted new [Standards of Accreditation](#) and [Policies and Procedures](#), effective July 1, 2020. Any older references would correspond to the [pre-2020 accrediting documents](#) and are currently subject to the Board-approved implementation procedures [posted here](#). Information on individual schools can be found by accessing our [member school list](#). Past abstracts can be found [here](#).

At its Reader Panel meeting conducted via videoconference on September 15, 2021, the Board of Commissioners of COAATS voted on and ratified the below actions with an effective date of **September 22, 2021**—unless otherwise noted.

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE RELATED TO ADDITIONAL LOCATION

Ashland Theological Seminary - Ashland, OH

1. To grant approval to relocate the school's additional location *from* 6500 Rockside Rd, Ste 130, Independence, OH 44131 *to* 6393 Oak Tree Blvd, 2nd floor, Independence, OH 44131. This site is approved to offer complete master's degrees and more than half but not a complete DMin.
2. To authorize a focused visit within six months of this substantive change to verify that the new location at 6393 Oak Tree Blvd, 2nd floor, Independence, OH 44131 has the resources, facilities, and personnel described in the school's petition. (Visit anticipated: spring 2022)

Dallas Theological Seminary - Dallas, TX

1. To approve the closing of the school's additional location at 1210 Franklin Rd, Brentwood, TN 37027, where various complete degrees had been offered.
2. To approve the school's teach-out plan since it meets the criteria for evaluating teach-out plans described in *Policies and Procedures*, III.L.2.
3. To approve the closing of the school's additional location at 25333 Gosling Rd, Spring, TX 77389, where various complete degrees had been offered.
4. To approve the school's teach-out plan since it meets the criteria for evaluating teach-out plans described in *Policies and Procedures*, III.L.2.

St. Joseph's Seminary - Yonkers, NY

1. To approve the closing of the school's additional location at 54 NY-138, Somers, NY 10589 (John F. Kennedy Catholic High School), where the complete MA (Theology) had been offered.
2. To approve the school's teach-out plan since it meets the criteria for evaluating teach-out plans described in *Policies and Procedures*, III.L.2.

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School of Trinity International University - Deerfield, IL

1. To approve the closing of the school's additional location at 14243 Dante Ave, Dolton, IL 60419 where the complete MA (Theological Studies) and MA in Urban Ministry had been offered.
2. To approve the school's teach-out plan since it meets the criteria for evaluating teach-out plans described in *Policies and Procedures*, III.L.2, including clarification of how this location closure impacts the school's mission and planning relative to its long-standing commitment to the urban community of Chicago (Standards 1.1, 1.4, 2.2, and 2.4).

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