

Abstracted Summary of Final Actions: November-December 2022

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 standards](#) and are subject to the Board-approved [implementation procedures effective until June 2022](#). 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 November 30, 2022, the Board of Commissioners of COAATS voted on and ratified the below actions with an effective date of **December 7, 2022**—unless otherwise noted.

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE RELATED TO PERIOD OF ACCREDITATION

Claremont School of Theology – Claremont, CA

To approve an additional one-semester *delay* (equaling a two-and-a-half year total delay) of the school's comprehensive visit (*from* spring 2023 *to* fall 2023) and to adjust the school's period of accreditation accordingly [to expire March 31, 2024].

Hood Theological Seminary – Salisbury, NC

On behalf of the Board, Commission staff approved on 11/16/2022 a one semester *delay* of the school's comprehensive evaluation visit (*from* March 20-23, 2023, *to* October 16-20, 2023), and to adjust the school's period of accreditation accordingly [i.e., to expire March 31, 2024].

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE RELATED TO ADDITIONAL LOCATION

Ashland Theological Seminary – Ashland, OH

To approve the relocation of the school's additional location *from* 1900 E. Dublin Granville Rd, Columbus, OH 43229, *to* 8050 N. High St, Suite 190, Columbus, OH 43235, effective January 1, 2023. This site is approved to offer the complete MDiv, MA (Biblical Studies), MA (Historical and Theological Studies), MA in Christian Ministries, MA in Counseling, and the Master of Applied Bible degree programs, and less than half of the MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary – Louisville, KY

On behalf of the Board, notification acknowledged by Commission staff on 11/16/2022 that the school is closing two additional locations at: 1) 525 A Street NE, Washington, DC, 20002, and 2) 2101 Old Hickory Blvd., Nashville, TN, 37215, where more than half, but less than full degrees had been offered, effective January 31, 2023, *per Policies and Procedures*, IV.E.2. No courses have been offered at either site and that any students formerly served by the sites have shifted to enrollment in the school's online programming.

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