



Abstracted Summary of Final Actions: March 2026

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. Information on individual schools can be found by accessing our [member school list](#). Past abstracts can be found [here](#).

At a special meeting conducted via videoconference on March 12, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of COAATS voted on the below actions with an effective date of **March 12, 2026**—unless otherwise noted.

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE RELATED TO PERIOD OF ACCREDITATION

Chicago Theological Seminary – Chicago, IL

To approve a one semester *delay* of the school's comprehensive visit (*from* fall 2026 to spring 2027) and to adjust the school's period of accreditation accordingly [i.e., to expire July 31, 2027].

[Commission staff action 3/2/2026 on behalf of the Board of Commissioners]

Union Theological Seminary – New York, NY

To approve a one semester *delay* of the school's comprehensive visit (*from* fall 2027 to spring 2028) and to adjust the school's period of accreditation accordingly [i.e., to expire July 31, 2028].

[Commission staff action 3/5/2026 on behalf of the Board of Commissioners]

ACTION TAKEN RELATED TO PUBLIC SANCTION (WARNING, PROBATION, OR SHOW CAUSE)

Nashotah House – Nashotah, WI

To issue the following warning because the school, while substantially meeting the Commission *Standards of Accreditation* as a whole, is at risk of not meeting the following specific standard. The school has two years to address this warning adequately, or the Board will take other appropriate action as described in Policies and Procedures, III.G-J.

[Effective March 12, 2026 per *Policies and Procedures*, VI.A.5 (Board Procedure on Effective Date of Accreditation Decisions); cf. VII.A.4-5 and VIII.A.1-3]

Standard 10.3 on Financial Resources. The school must submit a report by the 1st of November 2027, on the seminary's progress toward financial equilibrium. This report should include the FY 2026 and FY 2027 audits, and management letters (if available), the school's analysis of the FY 2027 and FY 2028 operating revenues and expenditures, budget projections for FY 2029 and FY 2030, and a report on the school's progress toward reducing and eliminating its operating deficits based upon revenue and expenditure projections that are realistic, holistic, and sustainable, and based on a prudent endowment draw. The report should also show how the seminary plans to replenish its underwater endowment (see Standard 10.3).

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