

Abstracted Summary of Final Actions: July–August 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](#).

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE RELATED TO PERIOD OF ACCREDITATION

Azusa Pacific Seminary – Azusa, CA

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 8/4/2026 on behalf of the Board of Commissioners]

Chapman Seminary of Oakland City University – Oakland City, IN

On August 13, 2026, the Board of Commissioners received notification of the school's intent to **voluntarily withdraw** from accredited membership in the ATS Commission on Accrediting due to the closure of the school, effective August 15, 2026. No students are currently enrolled in the school's Commission-approved programs. According to Commission *Policies and Procedures*, this withdrawal will be reviewed and formally acted on by the ATS Board of Commissioners at the next meeting (February 2027).

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE RELATED TO ADDITIONAL LOCATION

Shepherds Theological Seminary – Cary, NC

To acknowledge notification that the school is closing the additional location at Laramie Valley Chapel (4801 Quarter Horse Drive, Laramie, WY 82070), previously approved to offer 50-99 percent of the master's degree program, effective July 31, 2026, and to acknowledge that the school will teach-out its own students.

[Commission staff action 7/20/2026 on behalf of the Board of Commissioners]

Shepherds Theological Seminary – Cary, NC

To acknowledge notification of the relocation of the school's Bryan, TX additional location *from* 7320 Steep Hollow Road, Bryan, TX 77808, about 1.2 miles *to* 4001 E. 29th Street, Suite 80, Bryan, TX 77802, effective August 1, 2026. This site is approved to offer 50-99 percent of the master's degree program and should be listed as such (rather than the current 100 percent of a degree program offered).

[Commission staff action 7/20/2026 on behalf of the Board of Commissioners]

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