

Abstracted Summary of Final Actions: September 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 its reader panel meeting conducted via videoconference on September 11, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of COAATS voted on the below actions with an effective date of **September 18, 2026**—unless otherwise noted.

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE RELATED TO PERIOD OF ACCREDITATION

Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico – San Juan, PR

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

[Commission staff action 9/10/2026 on behalf of the Board of Commissioners]

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE RELATED TO NEW DEGREE PROGRAM LEVEL

Crown College Graduate School of Ministry - St. Bonifacius, MN

1. To approve the Doctor of Ministry degree program (see Standards 5.1-6).
2. To *exempt* the school from a focused evaluation visit due to the thorough attention given to the petition and its supportive documentation in alignment with Standards 5.1-6 (see Policies and Procedures, III.D.1).

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE RELATED TO ADDITIONAL LOCATION

Logos Evangelical Seminary – El Monte, CA

1. To approve the reduction in scope of the school's additional location at 631 IL-83, 1st Floor, Bensenville, IL 60106 where the complete MA in Christian Studies had been offered. This site is now approved to offer less than half of any approved degree.
2. To approve the school's teach-out plan in which the school has assumed responsibility through distance modality to complete the degree program for each student, since it meets the criteria for evaluating teach-out plans described in *Policies and Procedures*, III.L.2.

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE RELATED TO MISSION, LEGAL STATUS, NAME, OR MAIN LOCATION

Chicago Theological Seminary – Chicago, IL

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. This teach-out plan has been made with the following institutions and programs:

- Iliff School of Theology [MA, MDiv, and DMin]
- Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary [PhD]

Northern Baptist Theological Seminary – Lisle, IL

To grant *temporary authorization* for Northern Baptist Theological Seminary to relocate its main campus *from* its current location at 410 Warrenville Road, Suite 300, Lisle, IL 60532, *to* 801 Warrenville Road, Suite 240, Lisle, IL 60532, effective September 14, 2026. This authorization is to be in effect until such time as the Board of Commissioners can meet and act officially on the relocation (both interim and permanent), per *Policies and Procedures*, IV.E.2 (anticipated November 2026).

[Commission staff action 9/10/2026 on behalf of the Board of Commissioners]

The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology – Seattle, WA

To grant *temporary authorization* for The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology to relocate its main campus *from* its current location at 1130 Rainier Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98144 *to* 700 Dearborn Place South, Seattle, WA 98144, effective September 15, 2026. This authorization is to be in effect until such time as the Board of Commissioners can meet and act officially on the relocation, should it be extended beyond October 2026, per *Policies and Procedures*, IV.E.2 (anticipated November 2026).

[Commission staff action 9/16/2026 on behalf of the Board of Commissioners]

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

1. To accept the report regarding a completed teach-out plan as meeting the requirements from the June 2026 Board action.
2. To acknowledge notification of an institutional name change *from* Trinity Evangelical Divinity School of Trinity International University *to* Trinity Evangelical Divinity School at Trinity Western University with a new mailing address of 22500 University Drive, Langley, BC V2Y 1Y1 Canada.

[Commission staff action 9/21/2026 on behalf of the Board of Commissioners]

ACTION TAKEN RELATED TO MONITORING

Claremont School of Theology - Los Angeles, CA

1. To acknowledge that the school has been issued an Order to Show Cause from WASC Senior College and University Commission.
2. To advance the focused visit related to the probation on finances *from* fall 2027 *to* spring 2027 (*Policies and Procedures*, III.M.2).

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