



The Association of Theological Schools The Commission on Accrediting

Abstracted Summary of Final Actions: October 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

Cornerstone Theological Seminary – Grand Rapids, MI

On October 2, 2026, the Board of Commissioners received notification of the school's intent to **voluntarily withdraw** from accredited membership in the ATS Commission on Accrediting, effective December 10, 2026. 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 MISSION, LEGAL STATUS, NAME, OR MAIN LOCATION

Nazarene School of Divinity – Kansas City, MO

To acknowledge notification of an institutional name change *from* Nazarene Theological Seminary *to* Nazarene School of Divinity, and affirm that this does not represent a substantive change, as specified in *Policies and Procedures*, IV.C.1.2.

[Commission staff action 10/6/2025 on behalf of the Board of Commissioners]

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