

Director of accreditation position open at ATS

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An effective director of accreditation has the heart of a pastor, the commitment of a teacher, the organizational skills of an academic dean, the intellectual curiosity of a scholar, and the delight of a discoverer in the rich variety of the “long pew” of The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) membership. Collegiality, dedication to theological education, and an attention to detail combined with ability to see the big picture are indispensable qualities.

Now accepting applications

If you possess these qualities and are looking for a leadership position in the sphere of theological education, we would like to speak with you. Reporting directly to the senior director of accreditation, the director of accreditation is responsible for:

- (1) Facilitating the accrediting relationships with member schools through visits and other types of accrediting-related activities;
- (2) Providing education, training, and support to member schools about the process of accreditation;
- (3) Supporting the work of the ATS Board of Commissioners;
- (4) Maintaining collegial and supportive relationships as institutional liaison to approximately 60 schools;
- (5) Contributing to the programs and services offered by the Association as needed;
- (6) Maintaining involvement with the broader community of theological and higher education.

The director of accreditation is a full-time employee of ATS with principal assignment to the Commission on Accrediting and may occasionally work in other areas of ATS.

Qualifications, skills, and experience

The director of accreditation should possess an earned

doctoral degree or its equivalent in a theological discipline or a related field in higher education. Significant work experience in theological and/or higher education is required, preferably at both faculty and administrative levels. The ideal candidate has the ability to work effectively with a highly educated and diverse constituency. You'll also be able to:

- Perform data analysis
- Make complex judgments related to policy and practice
- Think creatively, analytically, and holistically
- Manage multiple projects simultaneously
- Work in a technology enhanced and production-oriented environment

Visit the [ATS website](#) for a more detailed description of the responsibilities and qualifications for the position of director of accreditation.

Apply today

The application deadline is Monday, May 12, 2025. Apply directly to accrediting@ats.edu. If you have any questions, feel free to contact mutch@ats.edu.



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