

Abstracted Summary of Final Actions: April 2019

Pursuant to §602.26 of Title 34 of U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, this report abstracts substantive changes only from all final actions taken recently by The Commission on Accrediting of The Association of Theological Schools (COAATS). Canadian schools are not included in this report. References correspond to the [compendium of accrediting documents](#). Information on individual schools can be found by accessing our [member school list](#).

At its teleconference meeting April 18, 2019, a Reader Panel of the COAATS Board of Commissioners voted on the below actions, which were subsequently ratified by the full Board with an effective date of **April 18, 2019**, unless otherwise noted.

ACTION(S) RELATED TO PERIODS OF ACCREDITATION

Loyola Marymount University Department of Theological Studies – Los Angeles, CA

To approve the request to postpone the next scheduled comprehensive evaluation visit to spring 2020 (instead of fall 2019), with adjustment to the period of accreditation now expiring July 31, 2020.
ATS Commission staff action: effective April 16, 2019

ACTION(S) RELATED TO NEW/REVISED DEGREES

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary - Elkhart, IN

To approve the Master of Arts (Theology and Global Anabaptism) degree program.

Grand Rapids Theological Seminary of Cornerstone University - Grand Rapids, MI

To approve the Master of Arts (Biblical Exegesis) degree program.

Interdenominational Theological Center - Atlanta, GA

To approve the Master of Arts in Liturgical Arts and Culture degree program.

St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry - Rochester, NY

To approve the Master of Arts (Catholic Philosophy) degree program.

ACTION(S) RELATED TO NEW/EXPANDED/RELOCATED EXTENSION SITES

Loyola Marymount University Department of Theological Studies - Los Angeles, CA

To grant approval for a new complete-degree site at 3883 Baldwin Park Blvd, Baldwin Park, CA 91706, where the complete Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology degree can be offered.

Shepherds Theological Seminary - Cary, NC

To grant approval to expand the ongoing course-offering site located at 4801 Quarter Horse Dr, Laramie, WY 82070 (Laramie Valley Chapel) to offer more than half of an academic MA degree.

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary - New Orleans, LA

1. To grant approval to relocate by May 31, 2019, the partial-degree extension site in Birmingham, AL, from its present location (3145 Brook Highland Pkwy, Birmingham, AL 35242) to 2324 Valleydale Rd, Birmingham, AL 35244 (Valleydale Church). This site is approved to offer more than half of an MDiv and other master's degrees.
2. To grant approval to relocate by May 31, 2019, the full-degree North Georgia Extension Center, from its present location (1000 Johnson Ferry Rd, C-115, Marietta, GA 30068) to 1800 Satellite Blvd NW, Duluth, GA 30097 (Cross Pointe Church). This site is approved to offer the complete MDiv, the MA in Christian Education, and the MA in Worship Ministries degrees.

ACTION(S) RELATED TO CLOSING FULL-DEGREE EXTENSION SITES

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary - Fort Worth, TX

1. To approve the closing of the complete degree extension site located at Sagemont Church (11300 S Sam Houston Pkwy E, Houston, TX 77089), where the MDiv and MTS degrees are currently offered, and to approve the school's teach-out plan since it meets the criteria for evaluating teach-out plans described in the Board of Commissioners' *Policy Manual*, Appendix 5. No students will remain at this extension site after May 2019.
2. To approve the closing of the complete degree extension site located at Arkansas Baptist Convention (10 Remington Dr, Little Rock, AR 72204), where the MDiv, MA in Christian Education, and MTS degrees are currently offered, and to approve the school's teach-out plan since it meets the criteria for evaluating teach-out plans described in the Board of Commissioners' *Policy Manual*, Appendix 5. No students will remain at this extension site after May 2019.
3. To approve the closing of the complete degree extension site located at Parkhills Baptist Church (17747 San Pedro Ave, San Antonio, TX 78232), where the MDiv, MA in Christian Education, and MTS degrees are currently offered, and to approve the school's teach-out plan since it meets the criteria for evaluating teach-out plans described in the Board of Commissioners' *Policy Manual*, Appendix 5. No students will remain at this extension site after May 2019.
4. To approve the closing of the complete degree extension site located at Oklahoma Baptist University (500 W University, Shawnee, OK 74801), where the MTS degrees is currently offered, and to approve the school's teach-out plan since it meets the criteria for evaluating teach-out plans described in the Board of Commissioners' *Policy Manual*, Appendix 5. No students will remain at this extension site after May 2019.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE ACTION(S)

Wesley Biblical Seminary – Ridgeland, MS (formerly Jackson, MS)

1. To approve the relocation of the school's main campus *from* 787 E Northside Dr, Jackson, MS 39206 *to* 1880 E County Line Rd, Ridgeland, MS 39157, effective May 3, 2019.
2. To authorize a focused evaluation visit to the new campus location within six months of the relocation (visit anticipated fall 2019).
3. To approve the school's teach-out plan since it meets the criteria for evaluating teach-out plans described in the Board of Commissioners' *Policy Manual*, Appendix 5.

Officers Committee action: effective April 30, 2019

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