

Abstracted Summary of Final Actions: July 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 semiannual meeting June 3-4, 2019, in Pittsburgh, PA, the Board of Commissioners of COAATS voted on the below actions with an effective date of **July 15, 2019**, unless otherwise noted.

NEW/REVISED DEGREE

Grace Mission University Graduate School - Fullerton, CA

To deny approval to offer the Doctor of Philosophy (Intercultural Studies).

CLOSING/RELOCATING EXTENSION SITE OFFERING AT LEAST HALF A DEGREE

Logsdon Seminary of Logsdon School of Theology of Hardin-Simmons University – Abilene, TX

To acknowledge notification that the school has closed as of June 30, 2019, the (partial-degree) extension site at 1501 E Beltline Rd, Coppell, TX 75019 (Valley Ranch Baptist Church), which had been approved to offer less than any complete COAATS-approved degree, and that the educational needs of students enrolled as of spring 2019 or earlier are being appropriately addressed.

[ATS Commission staff action (effective June 30, 2019) on behalf of the Board of Commissioners]

CONCERNING IMPOSITION OF NOTATION

A [notation](#) is a warning, i.e., negative action, to denote that a school partially meets a given Standard, which it must fully meet within two years or face withdrawal of accreditation, i.e., adverse action. See Policies and Procedures, section VII.E.

Bexley Hall Seabury-Western Theological Seminary Federation, Inc. - Chicago, IL

To impose the following notation(s) for a period of 24 months, with a report due by April 1, 2021, adequately documenting how the school has addressed the notation(s):

Notation N8.b, *“The institution’s financial resources are not adequate for long-term institutional vitality and there is no credible plan to address this issue in a timely and effective manner.”*

Fuller Theological Seminary - Pasadena, CA

To impose the following notation(s) for a period of 24 months, with a report due by April 1, 2021, adequately documenting how the school has addressed the notation(s):

Notation N1.c, *“The institution does not demonstrate appropriate or adequate institutional evaluation and improvement.”*

Notation N7.b, *“The governing board does not require ongoing institutional evaluation and planning or evaluation of its own performance as a board.”*

Notation N8.b, *“The institution’s financial resources are not adequate for long-term institutional vitality and there is no credible plan to address this issue in a timely and effective manner.”*

International Theological Seminary - West Covina, CA

To impose the following notation(s) for a period of 24 months, with a report due by April 1, 2021, adequately documenting how the school has addressed the notation(s):

Notation N9.c, *“The institution has not demonstrated the extent to which its students have met the learning outcomes appropriate for each degree program it offers or that its assessment efforts have led to improvement and there is no evidence of a credible plan or its implementation to address this issue in a timely and effective manner.”*

Shaw University Divinity School - Raleigh, NC

To impose the following notation(s) for a period of 24 months, with a report due by April 1, 2021, adequately documenting how the school has addressed the notation(s):

Notation N8.c, *“Significant deficiencies have been noted in the institution’s internal financial and reporting systems and/or internal controls, and the institution’s response to these deficiencies does not appear to be sufficiently effective or appropriately timely.”*

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