

Abstracted Summary of Final Actions: September 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 September 20, 2019, a subcommittee of the COAATS Board of Commissioners voted on the below actions, with subsequent ratification by the full Board as needed, effective **September 26, 2019**, unless otherwise noted.

ACTION(S) RELATED TO PERIODS OF ACCREDITATION

Alliance Theological Seminary - Nyack, NY

To approve the request to postpone the next scheduled comprehensive evaluation visit, *from* spring 2020 *to* fall 2020, with adjustment to the period of accreditation, which expires on March 31, 2021.

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

ACTION(S) RELATED TO NEW/REVISED DEGREES

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary - Wake Forest, NC

To approve the Master of Arts in Ministry to Women with Biblical Counseling (Standard B) degree program.

ACTION(S) RELATED TO NEW/EXPANDING EXTENSION SITES OFFERING AT LEAST HALF A DEGREE

Alliance Theological Seminary - Nyack, NY

To grant approval to expand the existing complete-degree extension site located at Seminario Teológico de Puerto Rico (José Canals #458, Suite 301, Urb. Roosevelt, San Juan, PR 00918) to also offer the complete Doctor of Ministry degree.

ACTION(S) RELATED TO CLOSING/RELOCATING EXTENSION SITES OFFERING AT LEAST HALF A DEGREE

Fuller Theological Seminary - Pasadena, CA

1. To accept the clarification of Fuller Theological Seminary regarding the status of its Colorado Springs full degree extension site as closed effective Spring 2018.
2. To consider the documentation provided along with the clarification as meeting the criteria for evaluating teach-out plans described in the Board of Commissioners' *Policy Manual*, Appendix 5.

Northern Baptist Theological Seminary - Lisle, IL

To grant temporary authorization—in light of the petition to relocate the full-degree extension site at 7740 S Ingleside Ave, Chicago, IL 60619—for courses to be held at the new location at 7522 S Greenwood Ave, Chicago, IL 60619 (New Life Covenant Church Southeast), effective immediately. This authorization will be in effect until such time as the Board of Commissioners can meet and act officially on the relocation petition, per *Policy Manual*, section III.A.1.f(4) (action anticipated January 2020).

[ATS Commission staff action (effective September 23, 2019) on behalf of the Board of Commissioners]

Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary of Andrews University - Berrien Springs, MI

1. To receive notification that the partial-degree site located at 204 S College Ave, College Place, WA 99324-1139 (Walla Walla University), approved to offer more than half of the MA in Pastoral Ministry, is closed.

2. To receive notification that the partial-degree site located at 100 W Hillcrest St, Keene, TX 76059-1922 (Southwestern Adventist University), approved to offer more than half of the MA in Pastoral Ministry, is closed.

[ATS Commission staff action (effective September 11, 2019) on behalf of the Board of Commissioners]

St. Joseph's Seminary - Yonkers, NY

1. To grant approval to relocate the Poughkeepsie extension site *from* 131 Boardman Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 *to* 54 NY-138, Somers, NY 10589 (John F. Kennedy Catholic High School). This site is approved to offer the complete Master of Arts (Theology) degree program.
2. 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.
3. To exempt the site from a focused evaluation visit since it meets the exemption criteria described in the Board of Commissioners' *Policy Manual* (section III.A.1.e).

ACTION(S) RELATED TO CHANGE OF GOVERNANCE, INSTITUTION NAME, OR MAIN CAMPUS LOCATION

Oral Roberts University College of Theology and Ministry [SEE CORRECTION BELOW] - Tulsa, OK

To correct the name of the school currently on record *from* Oral Roberts University College of Theology and Ministry *to* Oral Roberts University Graduate School of Theology and Ministry.

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