

ATS seeks director of accreditation

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The Commission on Accrediting (COA) of The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) is seeking a Director of Accreditation. The anticipated starting date for this position is September 1, 2021, or earlier.

ATS is a membership organization of more than 270 graduate schools of theology in the United States and Canada whose mission is to promote the improvement and enhancement of theological schools to the benefit of communities of faith and the broader public. The COA serves the member schools of ATS and contributes to the enhancement and improvement of theological education through accreditation.

Through the work of accreditation and institutional evaluation, the director will have the opportunity to support the mission and values of ATS and COA by (1) engaging with the diversity of ATS member schools, (2) participating in and shaping the quality and improvement of accredited graduate theological education, (3) experiencing the collegiality of the work of COA and ATS, and (4) providing shared leadership for the work of the organization in a team and learning environment.

Responsibilities

The Director of Accreditation will be one of five directors who are responsible for (1) facilitating the accrediting relationship 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 Board of Commissioners; (4) maintaining collegial and supportive relationships as institutional liaisons to approximately 60 schools; (5) contributing to the programs and services offered by ATS, as needed; and (6)



maintaining involvement with the broader community of theological and higher education.

Qualification, abilities, and experience

The Director of Accreditation shall normally possess an earned doctoral degree or its equivalent in a theological discipline or a related field in higher education and have significant work experience in theological and/or higher education, preferably at both faculty and administrative levels.

The position requires the ability to:

- work effectively with a highly educated and diverse constituency
- perform data analysis, making complex judgments in problem-solving contexts related to policy and practice
- think creatively, analytically, and holistically
- manage multiple, sometimes overlapping, programs or activities simultaneously
- work collaboratively with other director and administrative staff
- work in a technology enhanced and production oriented environment

- communicate effectively both orally and in writing to a wide and diverse range of constituencies, and
- travel to member schools and other accreditation-related events, as needed.

The Director of Accreditation is a full-time position with competitive salary and benefits.

Application process

Review of applications will begin May 25, 2021, and will continue until the position is filled. Applications should include: (1) a letter of interest demonstrating how the

candidate meets the desired qualifications, abilities, and experience, (2) a curriculum vitae, and (3) contact information for three references. Application materials should be emailed to coasearch@ats.edu. Submissions in one PDF file are preferred. View a [detailed position description](#).

Please email [Barbara Mutch](#), senior director of accreditation at The Association of Theological Schools, with any questions.

ATS is an equal opportunity employer.



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