

Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools

Accreditation Commission Meeting April 11-13, 2011

MILLENNIUM Maxwell House Hotel

2025 Rosa L. Parks Boulevard
Nashville, TN 37228-1505

ACCREDITED STATUS

The following institution was granted Accredited Status by the TRACS Accreditation Commission after completing a successful self-study and being evaluated by an on-site evaluation team:

Paul Quinn College (3837 Simpson Stuart Road, Dallas, TX 75241) appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission on April 12, 2011, and was **granted Accredited Status as a Category II institution** (approved to offer certificates, Associate and Bachelor degrees) without conditions; however, Paul Quinn College must keep the TRACS Office informed of each step in the process of resolving the action now placed on the Institution by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The President is directed to communicate to the U.S. Department of Education the Commission action in light of the SACS status.

A Progress Report addressing the remaining *Partially Compliant* Recommendations must be submitted to the TRACS Office on August 15, 2011. Paul Quinn College must be *In Compliance* with all TRACS Standards by June 30, 2012. The Accrediting Commission will confirm compliance at their November 2012 meeting.

Accredited status is for a period of five years (2011-2016). For Reaffirmation I status, Paul Quinn College must complete a successful self-study, host an on-site team evaluation, and appear before the Accreditation Commission by April 2016.

CANDIDATE STATUS

The following institution was granted Candidacy Status by the TRACS Accreditation Commission after completing a successful self-study and being evaluated by an on-site evaluation team:

Shorter College (604 Locust Street, North Little Rock, AR 72114) appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission on April 13, 2011, and was **granted Candidate Status as a Category I institution** (approved to offer certificates, diplomas and the Associate Degree) with the following conditions:

1. Financial resources must be sufficient to support the educational program. (Standard 18.9)

2. Library holdings must be adequate to support the curriculum and faculty.
(Standard 25.2)

A Progress Report must be submitted to the TRACS Office by August 15, 2011, addressing those IER Standards in which they are not compliant. Responses to the remaining *Partially Compliant* Recommendations left by the visiting team must be included in the August 15, 2011, Progress Report.

Shorter College must be in compliance with all the IER standards by June 30, 2012, and provide supporting documentation to the TRACS Accreditation Commission at its meeting in November 2012.

Candidate Status is for a period of up to five years (2011-2016). Within this period, Shorter College must be *In Compliance* with all TRACS Accreditation Standards, conduct a self-study, host an on-site team evaluation, and appear before the Accreditation Commission by 2016.

DEFERRED

The following institution was **Deferred Accreditation** by the TRACS Accreditation Commission after completing a self-study and being evaluated by an on-site evaluation team:

University of Fort Lauderdale (4093 N.W. 16th Street, Lauderhill, FL 33313) appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission on April 13, 2011, and was **Deferred Accreditation as a Category IV institution**, approved to offer the Associates, Bachelors, Masters' and doctoral degrees.

The University of Fort Lauderdale will continue in Candidacy Status as a Category IV institution, but must appear before the TRACS Accreditation Commission by April 2014.

A Progress Report must be submitted to the TRACS Office by August 15, 2011, addressing compliance with the above standards and the remaining *Partially Compliant* Recommendations that were left by the visiting team.

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES APPROVED BY ACCREDITATION COMMISSION

The TRACS Accreditation Commission approved the following Substantive Changes:

Bethesda of California (730 N. Euclid Street, Anaheim, CA 92801)

- *To add Vocational Nursing Program (LVN)*

A Focus Team Visit is required to ascertain that the Institution has sufficient facilities and resources plus proper State authorization to support the program.

Beulah Heights University (892 Berne Street, SE, Atlanta, GA 30316)

- *To offer a Doctor of Ministry Program*

A Focus Team Visit is required to determine that the Institution has sufficient facilities, appropriate faculty and adequate learning resources to support the program. Beulah Heights University is now approved as a Category IV institution, approved to offer certificates, diplomas, the Associate, Bachelors, Masters' and doctoral degrees.

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES APPROVED BY TRACS PRESIDENT

The following Substantive Changes were approved by the TRACS President and presented to the TRACS Accreditation Commission for information.

Carolina Evangelical Divinity School (2400 Old Chapman Street, Greensboro, NC 27403)

- *To change the name to Carolina Graduate University*

Community Christian College (251 Tennessee Street, Redlands, CA 92373)

- *To change the location for Ontario teaching site*

Epic Bible College (52250 Hillsdale Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95842)

- *To add courses and re-package curriculum to offer Bachelor of Arts in Ministerial Studies with an emphasis in the following seven areas:*
 - *BA in Ministerial Studies with an emphasis in Pastoral Leadership*
 - *BA in Ministerial Studies with an emphasis in Biblical Counseling*
 - *BA in Ministerial Studies with an emphasis in Christian Education*
 - *BA in Ministerial Studies with an emphasis in Missions and Evangelism*
 - *BA in Ministerial Studies with an emphasis in Youth Ministry*
 - *BA in Ministerial Studies with an emphasis in Worship Arts*
 - *The current BA in Ministerial Studies would be re-titled BA in Ministerial Studies with an emphasis in Biblical Studies*
- *To change location from 5225 Hillsdale Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95842, to 4330 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841 (A Staff Visit is required)*

Heritage Bible College (1747 Bud Hawkins Road, Dunn, NC 28334)

- *To eliminate the Associates Degree in Religious Education with minors in Christian Education, Christian Counseling, and Christian Music. (A teach-out plan was received)*
- *To add new curriculum tracks in the Bachelor of Religious Education Degree (Christian Counseling, Discipleship, Missions and Evangelism and Youth Ministry)*
- *To change Music minor to a major in Worship and Music*

Mars Hill Graduate School (2401 Elliott Avenue, Seattle, WA 98121)

- *To change the name of the institution*

New Saint Andrews College (405 South Main Street, Moscow, ID 83843)

- *To change the name of the degree from M.A. In Trinitarian Theology & Culture to M.A. in Theology & Letters*
- *To change Credit-Hours Required for the Degree*
- *To change Program Requirement for the Degree*

Pacific Islands University (172 Kinney's Road, Mangilao, Guam 96921, P.O. Box 22619, Barrigada, Guam 96921) A staff visit is required.

- *To add an Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies*
- *To add Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies*
- *To offer a Certificate in Dive Instruction*

Visible School -- Music & Worship Arts College (1015 South Cooper Street, Memphis, TN, 38104)

- *To change the name to Visible Music College*