

**Transnational Association of
Christian Colleges and Schools**

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ACCREDITATION COMMISSION ACTION

REAFFIRMATION I

After completing a successful self-study and being evaluated by an on-site evaluation team, the following institutions were granted **Reaffirmation I** by the TRACS Accreditation Commission:

Mars Hill Graduate School (2501 Elliot Avenue, Seattle, WA 98121) a Category III Institution, approved to offer Masters' degrees, appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission at the fall 2008 meeting. At 9:30 a.m. on November 4, 2008, **Mars Hill Graduate School was granted Reaffirmation I for a period of ten years.**

Clinton Junior College (1029 Crawford Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730) a Category I Institution, approved to offer the associate degree, appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission at the fall 2008 meeting. At 10:45 a.m. on November 4, 2008, **Clinton Junior College was granted Reaffirmation I for a period of ten years.**

Saint Petersburg Theological Seminary (10830 Navajo Drive, Saint Petersburg, FL 33708) a Category IV Institution, approved to offer certificates, the Bachelors, Masters' and doctoral degrees, along with distance learning programs, appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission at the fall 2008 meeting. At 2:30 p.m. on November 4, 2008, **Saint Petersburg Theological Seminary was granted Reaffirmation I for a period of ten years, but was placed on Warning for a period of one year.** (See page 3 for the reasons *Saint Petersburg Theological Seminary was placed on Warning.*)

As per TRACS policy, the above institutions will host a Quality Compliance Review (Five-Year Interim Review) in 2013 for quality compliance monitoring and feedback. The institutions then will complete a successful self-study, host an on-site peer evaluation visit, and appear before the Accreditation Commission by 2018 for Reaffirmation II.

ACCREDITATION

The following institutions were granted **Accreditation** by the TRACS Accreditation Commission after completing a successful self-study and being evaluated by an on-site evaluation team:

Central Baptist Theological Seminary of Minneapolis (900 Forestview Lane N., Plymouth, MN, 55441) a Category IV Institution, approved to offer diplomas, the Master's and doctoral degrees, appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission at the November 2009 meeting. At 9:00 a.m. on November 4, 2008, **Central Baptist Theological Seminary of Minneapolis was granted Accredited status for a period of five years. Accredited status includes the branch campus in Romania.**

Oxford Graduate School (500 Oxford Drive, Dayton, TN 37321) a Category IV Institution, approved to offer the Masters' and doctoral degrees, including Distance Learning Programs, appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission at the November 2008 meeting. At 11:15 a.m. on November 4, 2008, **Oxford Graduate School was granted Accredited status for a period of five years.**

New Life Theological Seminary (3117 Whiting Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28205; P.O. Box 790106, Charlotte, NC 28206) a Category III Institution, approved to offer certificates, the Bachelors and Masters' degrees, appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission at the November 2008 meeting. At 1:30 p.m. on November 4, 2008, **New Life Theological Seminary was granted Accredited status for a period of five years.**

Within the next five-years, the above Institutions must complete a successful self-study, host an on-site evaluation team visit, and appear before the TRACS Accreditation Commission for Reaffirmation I by 2013.

CANDIDACY

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

Evangelia University (2660 W. Woodland Dr., Suite 200, Anaheim, CA) a Category III Institution, approved to offer the Bachelor's and Master's degrees as well as ESL, appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission at the November 2008 meeting. At 10:00 a.m. on November 4, 2008, **Evangelia University was granted Candidate status for a period of five years.** Within this five-year period, the Seminary must complete a successful self-study, host an on-site evaluation team visit, and appear before the Accreditation Commission for Accredited status by 2013.

DEFERRED

Agape College (701 Napa Valley Drive, P. O. Box 25431, Little Rock, Arkansas 72221) a Category I Institution, approved to offer the associate degree, appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission at the November 4, 2008, meeting. **The Commission deferred Agape College** for the following reasons:

1. Evidence of Financial stability based on accrual (IER
2. Employment of adequate and qualified faculty (IER 7, 8)
3. Reach Full Compliance with all the IERs.

The Accreditation Commission identified the following Institutional Eligibility Requirements (IERs) and Accreditation Standards as the basis for the deferral:

IER # 8: Faculty sufficient in numbers and academic qualifications to support the educational programs offered.

Standard 14.4: Faculty must possess the appropriate academic credentials and experiences for their teaching assignments.

IER # 11: An adequate financial base that demonstrates the institution's ability to carry out its purpose (mission).

Standard 18.4: Finances must support the institutional purpose and programs

In order to monitor the institution, Agape College must submit progress reports addressing the above IERs and Standards along with a positive annual audit for fiscal year 2009. These progress reports must be submitted to the TRACS Office by February 15, 2009, and September 15, 2009.

WARNING

Saint Petersburg Theological Seminary (10830 Navajo Drive, Saint Petersburg, FL 33708) a Category IV Institution, approved to offer certificates, the Bachelors, Masters' and doctoral degrees, along with distance learning programs, appeared before the TRACS Accreditation Commission at the fall 2008 meeting. After granting Reaffirmation I status to Saint Petersburg Theological Seminary, the TRACS Accreditation Commission, with great concern, placed the Seminary on **Warning** for the following reasons:

1. Financial stability
2. Leadership stability
3. Faculty stability.

Saint Petersburg will have one year to correct deficiencies in the following non-compliant standards:

- Standard 18.4: Finances must adequately support the institutional purpose and programs.
- Standard 18.9: Evidence that finances will continue to support the programs for current students enrolled and to provide the resources for them to complete their degree programs.
- Standard 5.7: The Board must approve the institutional operational budget.
- Standard 5.8: The Board must be responsible for institutional financial stability.
- Standard 5.9: The Board must be responsible for quality and integrity of the institution's operations.
- Standard 6.1: The Chief Executive Officer must be responsible for carrying out the Board policies and procedures.
- Standard 6.4: There must be a leadership team sufficient in number and competence to give direction to the operation of the institution.
- Standard 6.5: A system for evaluation of the administration (leadership) must be in use.
- Standard 15.1: The faculty teaching and advising at the master's and doctoral levels must be academically and professionally qualified and adequate in number.
- Standard 14.4: The faculty must possess the appropriate academic credentials and experience for their teaching assignments.
- Standard 16.1: The institution must have a functioning faculty organization.

TRACS will monitor the Seminary by requiring a progress report due on February 15, 2009, and another report due on August 15, 2009, with a focus visit to the institution sometime before the November 2009 Accreditation Commission meeting.

The Seminary will maintain Reaffirmation I accredited status until a decision is made on or before the Accreditation Commission meeting in November 2009.

WITHDRAWALS

The TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to accept the withdrawals of the following institutions:

Liberty University (1971 University Blvd., Lynchburg, VA 24502)

Southern Methodist College (541 Broughton Street, PO. Box 1027, Orangeburg, SC 29116)

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES

The following institutions were **granted approval** by the Accreditation Commission for substantive changes:

Bakke Graduate University (1013 8th Avenue, Suite 401, Seattle, WA 98104)

- *To offer Masters in Business Administration (MBA)*
- *To offer Master of Arts in Social and Civic Entrepreneurship (MASCE)*
- *To offer Master of Arts in Global Urban Ministry*
- *To move Summer Session to the first part of the academic year*

Bethesda Christian University (730 North Euclid Street, Anaheim, CA 92801)

- *To offer a Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.) program.*

Bob Jones University (1700 Wade Hampton Blvd., Greenville, SC 29614)

- *To change the name of the "Marketing Management" major to "Business Administration"*
- *To change the name of two courses:
BA 330 Introduction to Logistics Management to BA 330 Supply Change Management
Mkt 411 Marketing Management to Mkt 411 Marketing Strategy*
- *To delete a 3-credit business internship and replace with a marketing elective*
- *To change the name of Administrative Management major to Business and Technology with changes in the following courses:
AMT 301 Introduction to Records and Database Management to BT 301 Records and Database Management
AMT 302 Administrative Technology I to BT 302 Business Technology
AMT 303 Administrative Technology II to BT 303 Integrating Business & Technology
AMT 306 Introduction to Desktop Publishing to BT 306 Desktop Publishing
AMT 403 Administrative Management to BT 403 Managerial and Interpersonal Behavior*
- *To delete two computer science electives and to add Ma 108 Mathematics of Finance, Ma 210 Elementary Statistics, BA 301 Legal Environment & Ethics of Business, and Mkt 205 Principles of Marketing*
- *To change the name of the Financial Management major to Business Administration (Finance concentration)*
- *To replace the current single religion elective with a course specifically covering women's ministries*
- *To raise the required number of credits for the concentration of Educational Leadership from 15 to 18. The following six courses will be required in the concentration: Ed 600, Foundations of Education; Ed 608, Philosophy of Education; Ed 638, Curriculum Development; Ed 667, Technology in education, EAS 663, School Business Administration; and EAS 665 Supervision and Instruction*
- *To change the sequence of Greek exegesis courses to provide four semesters of structured courses with adequate number of additional elective courses*
- *To offer NT 697 Holy Land Studies to Church History majors under an additional catalog listing of CH 697.*

Central Baptist Theological Seminary of Virginia Beach (2221 Centerville Turnpike, Virginia Beach, VA 23464)

- *To add the 72 credit hour Master of Biblical Studies for Chaplaincy (MBSC) to its program offerings.*

EUCON International College (P. O. Box 500087 CK, Saipan, MP 96950 USA)

- *To close the Bachelor of Arts degree in Pastoral Studies.*

Heritage Bible College (1747 Bud Hawkins Road, Dunn, NC 28334; P.O. Box 1628, Dunn, NC 28335)

- *To delete the following programs:
Family Support Minor
Leadership Minor*
- *To add the following:
Christian Counseling Minor
Pastoral Major*
- *To establish a teaching site on the Headquarters Campus of the Congregational Holiness Church in Griffin, GA*

Mars Hill Graduate School (2501 Elliot Avenue, Seattle, WA 98121)

- *To combine CSL 524 Introduction to Counseling Children (1 credit), and CSL 526 Intro to Counseling Adolescents (1 credit) into one 2-credit hour course and rename the course CSL 524, Intro to Counseling Children and Adolescents.*
- *To change CSL 518 Group Therapy to a 1 credit hour elective course*
- *To require all incoming Master of Arts in counseling Psychology students to perform 40 hours of independent therapy under a licensed therapist*
- *To establish the following teaching sites:*

*Swedish Medical Center
Cherry Hill Campus Auditorium
500 17th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98122*

*Swedish Medical Center
First Hill Campus Auditorium
747 Broadway
Seattle, WA 98122*

*Seattle Central Library
1000 4th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104*

*The People's Seminary
102 North Pine Street
Burlington, WA 98233*

Midwest University (851 Parr Road, Wentzville, MO 63385)

- *To move its teaching site from New Covenant Fellowship, 1439 Shepard Drive, Sterling, VA, to 7535 Little River Turnpike, 325-C, Annandale, VA 22093.*

Messenger College (300 East 50th Street, Joplin, MO 64804)

- *To reorganize the current one-year and two-year Certificate of Ministry programs into a single program and to place it under a separate department.*

Piedmont Baptist College and Graduate School (420 South Broad Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101)

- *To merge (acquire) Atlantic Baptist Bible College (non-accredited)*
- *To add Atlantic Baptist Bible College as a Teaching Site to provide the Teach-out Plan for current students.*

Saint Petersburg Theological Seminary (10830 Navajo Drive, Saint Petersburg, FL 33708)

- *To delete the Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling*
- *To upgrade Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling to Master of Arts in Counseling*
- *To delete the Master of Science in Educational Ministries*
- *To begin a Bachelor of Arts in Judaic Studies*
- *To delete the Master of Arts in Missiology*
- *To repackage courses into a new degree—Master of Arts in Ministry*
- *To decrease the hours required for the Doctor of Ministry*

The King's College and Seminary (14800 Sherman Way, Los Angeles, CA 91405)

- *To relocate the South Los Angeles Teaching site to a new location at West Angeles Church of God in Christ, 3045 South Crenshaw Boulevard, Los Angeles, 90016*
- *To offer limited extension classes at Calvary Temple Worship Center, 1601 Coffee Road, Modesto, CA 95355*

Southern California Seminary (2075 East Madison Avenue, El Cajon, CA 92019)

- *To offer up to five Bible Classes (BI-318, BI-319, BI-206, BI-217) at the undergraduate level on Al Asad Air Base in Iraq.*

Virginia University of Lynchburg (2058 Garfield Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24501)

- *To add the Master of Arts Degree in Organizational Management*

World Mission University (500 S. Shatto Place, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90020)

- *To add Bachelor of Arts with a Christian Counseling Major*
- *To add a Bachelor of Arts in a General Studies Major*

The following are informational items. (All were presented to the Commission.)

QUALITY COMPLIANCE REVIEW (QCR) REPORTS *(Information only)*

(Fifth-year review in the ten-year cycle)

- **Messenger College** (300 East 50th Street, Joplin, MO 64804)
- **Shasta Bible College and Graduate School** (2951 Goodwater Avenue, Redding, CA 96002)

MENTORING STAFF VISITS *(Information only)*

- **Pacific Islands Bible College** (Guam)
- **Clinton Junior College** (Rock Hill, SC)
- ***European Bible Training Center** (Berlin, Germany)
- ***Irpın Biblical Seminary** (Irpın Kiev, Ukraine)

- **Lutheran Brethren Seminary** (Fergus Falls, MN)
 - **Midwest University** (Seoul, Korea—Branch Campus)
 - **Nehemia University** (Pogradec, Albania)
 - ***Southeast European Training Center** (Tirana, Albania)
 - **World Pacific University** (Guam)
 - **Hiwassee College** (Madisonville, TN)
 - **Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College** (Moore, OK)
 - **New Life Theological Seminary** (Charlotte, NC)
 - **Shasta Bible College & Graduate School** (*Redding, CA*)
 - **Apex School of Theology** (Durham, NC)
 - **Messenger College** (Joplin, MO)
 - **Trinity Life Bible College** (Sacramento, CA)
 - **Shorter College** (*North Little Rock, AR*)
 - **Agape College** (*Little Rock, AR*)
 - **Fredericksburg Bible Institute & Seminary** (*Fredericksburg, VA*)
- * denotes an unofficial visit*