



**Transnational Association of Christian
Colleges and Schools
Accreditation Commission Meeting
October 20-22, 2025**

COMMISSION ACTIONS

CANDIDATE STATUS

Candidate Status is granted to institutions that are in Basic Compliance with the TRACS Standards. Basic Compliance is the determination by the Accreditation Commission that an institution is in full compliance with all Standards related to the Institutional Eligibility Requirements (IERs) and has the ability to be in Substantive Compliance with all of the Accreditation Standards within the period of candidacy. Candidacy is for a period of up to five years. During that time, each institution must come into compliance with all TRACS Standards, conduct a Self-Study, host an Evaluation Team, and appear before the Accreditation Commission for Accredited Status. To maintain Candidate Status, the institution must remain in compliance with all IER-related standards.

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

Cross Theological Seminary (2448 Pinnacle Hills Parkway, Rogers, AR 72758)

Ethnos360 Bible Institute (915 North Hartwell Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53186)

Jubilee University (1880 Washington Ave., Lexington, MO 64067)

Lighthouse Christian College (625 N 9th Avenue, Pensacola, FL 32501)

Turner Theological Seminary (702 Martin Luther King Junior Dr. SW, Atlanta, GA 30314)

ACCREDITED STATUS

Accredited Status is granted to institutions that are in Substantive Compliance with the TRACS Standards. Substantive Compliance indicates that the Accreditation Commission has determined that an institution's level of compliance is sufficient to warrant accreditation and that the institution can come into full compliance with all the Accreditation Standards within a maximum of two years. Initial accreditation is for a period of five years. For Reaffirmation I, each institution must complete a successful self-study, host an on-site team evaluation, respond to the team recommendations, and appear before the Accreditation Commission.

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:

Great Commission University (5755 IN-9, Howe, IN 46746)

World Missions College of the Greater Washington (11400 Shirley Gate Ct., Fairfax, VA 22030)

REAFFIRMATION OF ACCREDITED STATUS

Reaffirmation is granted to institutions that are in Substantive Compliance with the TRACS Standards. Substantive Compliance indicates that the Accreditation Commission has determined that an institution's level of compliance is sufficient to warrant accreditation and that the institution can come into full compliance with all the Accreditation Standards within a maximum of two years. Reaffirmation is for a period of ten years with an Interim Fifth Year Review (IFYR). For the next Reaffirmation cycle, the institution must complete a successful self-study, host an on-site team evaluation, respond to the team recommendations, and appear before the Accreditation Commission.

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

African Bible College (Area 47, Plot 530, Lilongwe, Malawi, Southeast Africa)

Global Christian University (1711 Winchester Boulevard, Campbell, CA 95008)

New College Franklin (136 3rd Ave South, Franklin, TN 37064)

Pacific Northwest Christian College (3021 W. Clearwater Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336)

Paul Quinn College (3837 Simpson Stuart Road, Dallas, TX 75241)

Sattler College (100 Cambridge Street, Suite 1701, Boston, MA 02114)

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

Southern California State University (3470 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 380, Los Angeles, CA 90010)

The King's University (2121 E. Southlake Boulevard, Southlake, TX 76092)

Veritas Baptist College (208 Walnut Street, Suite 115, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025)

DEFERRAL OF REAFFIRMATION OF ACCREDITED STATUS

California Victor University (708 W Holt Ave, Pomona, CA 91768)

At the October 20-22, 2025, meeting, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to defer granting Reaffirmation of Accreditation to California Victor University due to the institution's failure to demonstrate compliance with six Institutional Eligibility Requirement Accreditation Standards: 2.1, 3.1, 6.2, 9.1, 12.1, and 12.2. The Commission action of deferral requires that the institution submit a Compliance Report addressing the unresolved compliance issues by November 30, 2025. The institution will be reconsidered for Reaffirmation of Accreditation at the December 11, 2025, meeting of the Accreditation Commission.

CONTINUE INSTITUTION ON SANCTION – WARNING

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

At the October 20-22, 2025, meeting, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to continue BU on Warning due to the institution's non-compliance with TRACS Standards 4.1 (IER), 11.1 (IER), 11.6, 11.7, 13.1 (IER), and 13.2, and for failure to comply with TRACS policies (and associated Federal Requirements) BP203 Annual Reporting (34 CFR §602.19(b)) and BP215 Decisions of State and Other Accrediting Agencies (34 CFR §602.28). The institution is required to submit a Compliance Report addressing these areas of non-compliance no later than March 1, 2026, for consideration by the Accreditation Commission at the April 2026 Commission meeting.

CONTINUE INSTITUTION ON SANCTION – PROBATION

Reformed University (1724 Atkinson Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30043)

At the October 20-22, 2025, meeting, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to continue Reformed University on Probation due to the institution's non-compliance with Institutional Eligibility Requirement Accreditation Standards 11.1, 11.2, and 17.12. The institution is required to submit a Compliance Report addressing these areas of non-compliance by March 1, 2026, and submit a revised Teach-Out Plan that meets the requirements of TRACS Policy BP224 for consideration by the Accreditation Commission at the April 2026 Commission meeting.

CONTINUE INSTITUTION ON SANCTION – SHOW CAUSE

Visible Music College (200 Madison Ave., Memphis, TN 38103)

At the October 20-22, 2025, meeting, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to continue Visible Music College (VMC) on Show Cause status due to the institution's non-compliance with Institutional Eligibility Requirement Accreditation Standards 11.1, 11.2, and 11.3. The institution is required to submit a Compliance Report addressing these areas of non-compliance no later than March 1, 2026, and submit a revised Teach-Out Plan that meets the requirements of TRACS Policy BP224 for consideration by the Accreditation Commission at the April 2026 Commission meeting.

PLACE INSTITUTION ON SANCTION – SHOW CAUSE

Paine College (1235 Fifteenth Street, Augusta, GA 30901)

At the October 20-22, 2025, meeting, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to require Paine College (PC) to Show Cause as to why the institution's accreditation should not be terminated. This action was taken due to the fact that the Commission found that PC failed to demonstrate compliance with Institutional Eligibility Requirement Accreditation Standards 2.1, 3.1, 7.1, 11.1, 11.2, 11.3, and 13.1. The institution must submit a report to the TRACS office within 60 days of the day the official notice of the Show Cause action is received by the institution, providing responses to the areas of non-compliance and providing the institution's reasons why the Accreditation Commission should not take Adverse Action resulting in the termination of accreditation.

WITHDRAWAL AND CLOSURE

Bethel College (5090 Caterpillar Road, Redding, CA 96003)

The TRACS Accreditation Commission acknowledged the report of withdrawal and closure from Bethel College, effective July 21, 2025.

POLICY REVIEW

The TRACS Accreditation Commission approved changes to the policy below for release to TRACS member institutions for a 30-day comment period as required by TRACS Board Policy 101.

- *(Proposed New Policy) BP313 (Good Cause Extensions)*
- *BP101 (Board Policies)*
- *BP102 (Definitions)*
- *BP104 (Complaints)*
- *BP105 (Disclosure of Information)*
- *BP106 (Information Provided to Other Entities)*
- *BP207 (Institutional Staff Reviews)*
- *BP211 (Sanctions and Adverse Actions)*
- *BP214 (Lapse of Candidacy or Accreditation)*
- *BP215 (Decisions of Governmental or Other Accrediting Agencies)*

- *BP219 (Appeals)*
- *BP221 (Arbitration)*
- *BP224 (Teach Out Plans)*
- *BP225 (Teach Out Agreements)*
- *BP226 (Institutional Changes)*
- *BP227 (Branch Campuses)*
- *BP228 (Teaching Sites)*
- *BP229 (Distance Education)*
- *BP230 (Agreements Between Institutions)*
- *BP303 (Changes to Accreditation Standards and Institutional Eligibility Requirements)*
- *BP304 (The Application Process)*
- *BP305 (The Accreditation Process)*
- *BP310 (Interim Fifth-Year Review)*
- *BP312 (Multiple Accreditors)*

STANDARDS REVIEW

The TRACS Accreditation Commission approved changes to the standards below for release to the public for a 30-day comment period as required by TRACS Board Policy 303.

- *1.1 (Faith Statement)*
- *9.3 (Faculty)*
- *17.5 (Distance Education)*
- *17.8 (Public Information)*
- *17.9 (Advertising and Recruitment Materials)*
- *17.12 (Title IV Participation)*

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES APPROVED BY THE TRACS ACCREDITATION COMMISSION

Caroline University (3660 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 320, Los Angeles, CA 90010)

- *To add an MS in Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine*

Hanbit University (40 Technology Parkway South, Suite 202, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092)

- *To add an MBA-STEM program*
- *To add a BIT program*

Heritage Bible College (494 Antioch Church Road, Dunn, NC 28334)

- *To add a Bachelor of Christian Business Administration*

Hope College of Arts and Sciences (1200 SW 3rd Street, Pompano Beach, FL 33317)

- *To add an Associate of Science in Christian Studies*

Washington University of Virginia (4300 Evergreen Lane, Annandale, VA 22003)

- *To add a DBA program*

INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES REVIEWED BY THE ACCREDITATION COMMISSION

The TRACS Accreditation Commission reviewed the following institutional changes, previously approved by TRACS:

Bethel College (5090 Caterpillar Road, Redding, CA 96003)

- *To close the institution (effective 7/21/2025)*

College of Athens (1331 New High Shoals Road, Watkinsville, GA 30677)

- *To update approved Hancock State Prison teaching site to a Prison Education Program (PEP) site*

Grace School of Theology (3705 College Park Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77384)

- *To relocate the institution to 2700 Technology Forest Blvd, Suite 225, The Woodlands, TX 77381*

International American University (3440 Wilshire Blvd., #1000, Los Angeles, CA 90010)

- *To add a teaching site located at: 3170 De La Cruz Blvd, Suite #129, Santa Clara, CA 95054*

Ivy College (1980 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22182)

- *To add a teaching site located at: 3525 Mall Blvd NW, Suite 5A-1, Duluth, GA 30096*

Jackson Theological Seminary (520 North Locust Street, North Little Rock, AR 72114)

- *To add a teaching site located at: Curry Chapel AME Church, 250 F Street, Strong, AR 71765*
- *To add a teaching site located at: Avery Chapel AME Church, 1425 North Kelham Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73117*

Shorter College (604 N Locust Street, North Little Rock, AR 72114)

- *To transition 12 teaching sites from Second Chance Pell to Prison Education Program (PEP) sites*

Southern Evangelical Seminary (15009 Lancaster Highway, Charlotte, NC 28277)

- *To relocate the institution to 1965 Cinema Drive, Rock Hill, SC 29730*