Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools
Accreditation Commission Meeting
October 26-28, 2026

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:

California Trinity University (2333 Beverly Blvd. Suite 400, Los Angeles, CA 90057)

ICOHS College (1770 4th Ave, San Diego, CA 92101)

Merit University (3699 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 970, Los Angeles, CA 90010)

Mississippi Baptist College (3160 J.R. Lynch St., Jackson, MS 39209)

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:

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

Hollywood Educational Institute (3470 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 350, Los Angeles, CA 90010)

Jimmy Swaggart Bible College (7320 Bluebonnet Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70810)

Jubilee University (1889 Washington Avenue, Lexington, MO 64067)

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

Rochester University (3 Corporate Park #130, Irvine, CA 92606)

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

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:

Evangelia University (2660 W. Woodland Dr., Suite 200, Anaheim, CA 92801)

Grace Mission University (1645 W. Valencia Dr., Fullerton, CA 92833)

Grace University (981 Corporate Center Dr., Suite 140, Pomona, CA 91768)

Southern Evangelical Seminary (1965 Cinema Drive, Rock Hill, SC 29730)
(Reaffirmation granted for a period of five years)

CONTINUE INSTITUTION ON SANCTION – WARNING

Bethesda University (BU) (730 North Euclid Street, Anaheim, CA 92801)
At the October 26-28, 2026, meeting, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to continue BU on Warning due to the institution's continuing non-compliance with TRACS Standards 11.1 and 13.1 (both Institutional Eligibility Requirements). The institution is required to submit a follow up Compliance Report addressing these areas of non-compliance no later than March 1, 2027, for consideration by the Accreditation Commission at the April 2027 Commission meeting. BU must demonstrate full compliance by March 1, 2027, or face potential further action by the Commission.

Boston Baptist College (BBC) (950 Metropolitan Avenue, Boston, MA 02136)
At the October 26-28, 2026, meeting, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to continue BBC on Probation due to the institution's continuing non-compliance with TRACS Standards 11.1 and 11.2 (both Institutional Eligibility Requirements). The institution is required to submit a follow up Compliance Report addressing these areas of non-compliance no later than March 1, 2027, for consideration by the Accreditation Commission at the April 2027 Commission meeting. BBC must demonstrate full compliance by March 1, 2028, or face potential further action by the Commission.

Epic Bible College and Graduate School (EBCGS) (4330 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841)
At the October 26-28, 2026, meeting, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to continue EBCGS on Probation due to the institution's continuing non-compliance with TRACS Standards 11.1 and 11.2 (both Institutional Eligibility Requirements). The institution is required to submit a follow up Compliance Report addressing these areas of non-compliance no later than March 1, 2027, for consideration by the Accreditation Commission at the April 2027 Commission meeting. EBCGS must demonstrate full compliance by March 1, 2028, or face potential further action by the Commission.

PLACE INSTITUTION ON SANCTION – PROBATION

Clinton College (1029 Crawford Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730)
At the October 26-28, 2026, meeting, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to place Clinton College on Probation due to the institution's non-compliance with the following TRACS Standards:

- *Standard 6.9 - (Board Duty / Financial Stability / Budget Approval)*
- *Standard 11.1 - (Adequate Finances) - IER*
- *Standard 11.2 - (Audit) - IER*
- *Standard 11.3 - (Credit Line / Liquid Reserves) - IER*
- *Standard 11.5 - (Sufficient and Competent Finance Staff)*
- *Standard 11.6 - (Planning and Budgeting)*
- *Standard 11.7 - (Financial Stability)*
- *Standard 14.2 - (Library Staff) - IER*
- *Standard 14.3 - (Library Budget)*

The institution is required to submit compliance reports, including a teach-out plan and addressing these areas of non-compliance, for consideration by the Accreditation Commission at the April 2027 Commission meeting.

POLICY REVIEW
The TRACS Accreditation Commission granted initial approval for changes to the Board Policies below. These policies will be released to TRACS member institutions for a 30-day comment period as required by TRACS Board Policy 101.

- *BP 102 (Definitions)*
- *BP 112 (Institutional Misrepresentation)*
- *BP 221 (Arbitration)*
- *BP 226 (Institutional Changes)*
- *BP 229 (Distance Education)*
- *BP 303 (Changes to Accreditation Standards and Institutional Eligibility Requirements)*
- *BP 305 (The Accreditation Process)*
- *BP 312 (Multiple Accreditors)*

STANDARDS REVIEW
The TRACS Accreditation Commission granted initial approval for changes to the Standards below. These Standards will be released to the public for a 30-day comment period as required by TRACS Board Policy 303.

- *17.6 (Verification of Student Identity)*
- *17.7 (Student Privacy)*

The TRACS Accreditation Commission granted final approval for changes to the Standard below. As required by TRACS Board Policy 303, the proposed changes were previously distributed for a 30-day public comment period.

- *12.1 (Assessment Plan)*

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES APPROVED BY THE TRACS ACCREDITATION COMMISSION

College of Athens (1331 New High Shoals Rd., Watkinsville, GA 30677)
- *To revise institutional objectives*
- *To add a B.S. in Psychology*

Hanbit University (40 Technology Parkway South, Suite 202, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092)
- *To add a teaching site located at: DB Massage School (DBMS), 842 N. Diamond Bar Blvd., Diamond Bar, CA 91765*

Heritage Bible College (494 Antioch Church Road, Dunn, NC 28334)
- *To add a D.Min. degree (Change of Category)*

International American University (3731 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1000, Los Angeles, CA 90010)
- *To add a teaching site located at: No. 482/B, Millennium Drive, Chandrika Kumaranathunga Mawatha, Malabe 10115, Sri Lanka*
- *To relocate the Nepal teaching site to a new site with the same geographical address*

Ivy College (1980 Gallows Road, Vienna, VA 22182)
- *To relocate the Duluth, GA teaching site to: 11300 Johns Creek Pkwy, #300, Johns Creek, GA 30097*

Pensacola Christian College (250 Brent Lane, Pensacola, FL 32503)
- *To add a Certificate in Culinary Arts*

Reformed University (1724 Atkinson Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30043)
- *To add a Ph.D. in Leadership (Change of Category)*

Shorter College (604 N Locust Street, North Little Rock, AR 72114)
- *To add an Associate of Science in Registered Nursing*
- *To acquire Jackson Theological Seminary*

Jackson Theological Seminary (520 North Locust Street, North Little Rock, AR 72114)
- *To merge with Shorter College*

Trinity Baptist College (800 Hammond Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32221)
- *To add an A.A. in Health Science*

University of South Los Angeles (1045 West Redondo Beach Boulevard, Suite 200, Gardena, CA 90247)
- *To relocate the institution to: 1225 W. 190th St. #340, Gardena, CA 90248*

Visible Music College (200 Madison Ave, Memphis, TN 38103)
- *To relocate the institution to: 8850 US-51N, Millington TN 38053*