



**Transnational Association of Christian  
Colleges and Schools  
Accreditation Commission Zoom Meeting  
April 12-13, 2021**

**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 by April 2026. 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:

**Grace University** (1560 Brookhollow Drive, Suite 209, Santa Ana, CA 92705)

**Morris Brown College** (643 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Atlanta, GA 30314)

**Washington Theological Seminary** (7700 Little River Turnpike, Suite 205, Annandale, VA 22003)

**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 by April 2026.

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

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

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

**Gather 4 Him Christian College** (3021 W. Clearwater Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336)

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

**Northern California Bible College** (4439 Stoneridge Dr., Suite 210, Pleasanton, CA 94588)

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

## **REAFFIRMATION**

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 by April 2031.

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:

**Bob Jones University** (1700 Wade Hampton Boulevard, Greenville, SC 29614)

**Oikos University** (7901 Oakport Street, Suite 3000, Oakland, CA 94621)

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

**Virginia Beach Theological Seminary** (2221 Centerville Turnpike, Virginia Beach, VA 23464)

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

## **DEFERRAL OF ACCREDITED STATUS**

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

At the meeting on April 12, 2021, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to defer granting Reaffirmation of Accredited Status to Bethesda University (BU) as a Category IV institution. This action was taken due to the institution's inability to demonstrate compliance with TRACS Standard 17.1 (Credit Hours), which is an Institutional Eligibility Requirement. The Commission action of deferral requires that BU submit a Progress Report by August 15, 2021, addressing the Finding above as well as remaining Recommendations and Suggestions originally detailed in the Evaluation Team Report. The status of the institution will be reviewed at the fall 2021 meeting of the TRACS Accreditation Commission.

## **SANCTIONS AND ADVERSE ACTIONS**

**Maple Springs Baptist Bible College and Seminary** (4130 Belt Road, Capitol Heights, MD 20743)

At the meeting on April 12, 2021, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to place Maple Springs Baptist Bible College and Seminary (MSBBCS) on Show Cause. This action was taken based on the institution's inability to demonstrate compliance with the following Standards, which are also Institutional Eligibility Requirements: 12.1 (implementation of Assessment Plan), 15.1 (assessment of facilities and equipment), and 16.1 (assessment of security and safety measures). Follow-up reporting addressing these Standards is required within 60 days of the institution receiving official notification of this action. The status of the institution will be reviewed at the fall 2021 meeting of the TRACS Accreditation Commission.

## **SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES APPROVED BY THE TRACS ACCREDITATION COMMISSION:**

The Bible Seminary (2655 South Mason Road, Katy, TX 77450)

- *To add Distance Education*

California Arts University (4100 W. Commonwealth Avenue #101, Fullerton, CA 92833)

- *To add a B.A. in Music*

Calvary Chapel University (8344 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, Suite #100, San Diego, CA 9211)

- *To bring M.Div. program out of abeyance*

Champion Christian College (600 Garland Avenue, Hot Springs, AR 71913)

- *To add Distance Education*

Clinton College (1029 Crawford Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730)

- *To add a certificate in Ministry Studies*

## **INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES REVIEWED BY THE ACCREDITATION COMMISSION**

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

Calvary Chapel University (8344 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92111)

- *To relocate the institution to: 13848 N. Bolivar Drive, Sun City, AZ 85351*

Messenger College (2705 Brown Trail, Bedford, TX 76021)

- *To close Valencia, CA teaching site*

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

- *To add a teaching site at the following location: The Rock Island Train Station, 4th and Hazel, North Little Rock, AR 72114*

*(The following four teaching sites are being established by Shorter College as part of the Second Chance Pell program.)*

- *To add a teaching site at the following location: Benton County Work Release Center, 6701 Highway 67, Benton, AR 72015-8488*
- *To add a teaching site at the following location: Mississippi County Work Release Center-Luxora, 727 North County Road 599, PO Box 10, Luxora, AR 72358*
- *To add a teaching site at the following location: Northwest Arkansas Work Release Center-Springdale, 600 Sunset Avenue, Springdale, AR 72764*
- *To add a teaching site at the following location: Texarkana Regional Correctional Center, 305 East 5th Street, Texarkana, AR 71854*

Virginia Bible College (1006 Williamstown Drive, Dumfries, VA 22026)

- *To add a teaching site at the following location: Calvary Revival Church, 5833 Poplar Hall Drive, Norfolk, VA 23502*

## **BOARD POLICY REVIEW**

The TRACS Accreditation Commission approved changes to the following Policy for distribution to TRACS member institutions for a 30-day comment period:

- *Board Policy 121 (Investment Policy)*