



**Transnational Association of Christian
Colleges and Schools
Accreditation Commission Meeting
October 23-24, 2023**

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 University of Management and Sciences (1126 North Brookhurst Street, Suite 200, Anaheim, CA 92801)

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 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:

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

Care Hope College (10094 W Indiantown Road, Jupiter, FL 33478)

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

Justice College (2777 S. Gilbert Road, Chandler, AZ 85298)

Pacific American Global University (3470 Wilshire Blvd., Suites 617 & 350, 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.

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:

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

Kernel University (905 South Euclid Street #213, Fullerton, CA 92832)

St. Luke University (1460 E. Holt Avenue, Suite 72, Pomona, CA 91767)

West Coast Baptist College (4010 E. Lancaster Blvd, Lancaster, CA 93535)

DEFERRAL OF ACCREDITED STATUS

RCCGNA Seminary (4320 Highway 380 Business, Greenville, TX 75401)

At its meeting on October 24, 2023, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to defer granting RCCGNA Seminary (RCCGNA) Accredited Status as a Category IV institution due to the institution's failure to demonstrate compliance with the following Accreditation Standards: 8.11 (academic program evaluation), 8.13 (credit hours), 11.4 (control of financial resources), and 14.3 (library and learning resources). The Commission action of deferral requires that the institution submit a Compliance Report addressing the unresolved noncompliance issues by March 1, 2024.

In addition to the deferral action, the Commission granted pilot project approval through June 30, 2024, for the institution to offer its courses and programs via Distance Education to students residing in locations where the institution has received approval from appropriate state entities. The Commission also granted approval for a name change for the institution from RCCGNA Seminary (RCCGNA) to Redeemers University North America (RUNA).

PLACE INSTITUTION ON SANCTION – WARNING

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

At the October 23, 2023, meeting, the Accreditation Commission voted to place Virginia University of Lynchburg (VUL) on *Warning* for ongoing non-compliance with TRACS Standard 11.2 (Financial Operations). This *Warning* status is for a period of up to 2 years. The institution is required to submit a Compliance Report, no later than December 8, 2023, for consideration by the Accreditation Commission at the February 9, 2024, Commission meeting.

This *Warning* action requires VUL to address this matter in the following ways:

1. VUL is required to submit its June 30, 2022, audit.
2. VUL is required to submit an engagement letter for the June 30, 2023, audit with an estimated time of completion.
3. VUL is required to submit a report, detailing steps already taken, and to be taken, to adjust the auditing schedule and procedures to ensure delivery of timely audited financial statements to the TRACS office no later than November 30 each year.

POLICY REVIEW

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

- *BP 101 (Board Policies)*
- *BP 102 (Definitions)*
- *BP 106 (Information Provided to Other Entities)*
- *BP 113 (Conflicts of Interest)*
- *BP 303 (Changes to Accreditation Standards, Institutional Eligibility Requirements, and Board Policies)*
- *BP 308 (Posting of Institutional Review Dates)*

The TRACS Accreditation Commission gave final approval for changes to the policy below. As required by TRACS Board Policy 303, this policy was previously distributed to TRACS member institutions and posted on the TRACS website for a 30-day comment period.

- *BP 203 (Annual Operational Report)*

STANDARDS REVIEW

The TRACS Accreditation Commission approved changes to Standard 8.7 (Teaching Sites) of the *TRACS Accreditation Manual* for distribution to the public for a 30-day comment period as required by TRACS Board Policy 303.

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES APPROVED BY THE TRACS ACCREDITATION COMMISSION:

Carolina University (420 South Broad Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101)

- *To decrease the number of hours for Master of Data Science program (from 48 to 36 credit hours)*

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

- *To add a B.S. in Cybersecurity*
- *To add a B.S. in Elementary Education*
- *To add a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies*

The Crown College of the Bible (2307 W. Beaver Creek Drive, Powell, TN 37849)

- *To add a Doctor of Education degree (change of category)*

Free Lutheran Bible College and Seminary (3134 E. Medicine Lake Boulevard, Plymouth, MN 55441)

- *To add an A.A. in Bible and Ministry*
- *To add a B.A. in Bible and Ministry*

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

- *To add a Master of Fine Arts in Visual Arts*
- *To add a Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies*

Washington Theological Seminary (11240 Waples Mill Road, Suite 201, Fairfax, VA 22030)

- *To add a Ph.D. in Practical Theology*

INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES REVIEWED BY THE ACCREDITATION COMMISSION

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

Atlanta University of Health Science (302 Satellite Blvd, NE, Suwanee, GA 30024)

- *To relocate the institution to: 3371 N. Berkeley Lake Road, Suite 110, Duluth, GA 30096*

Bethel College (1880 Park Marina Drive, Redding, CA 96001)

- *To relocate the institution to: 5090 Caterpillar Road, Redding, CA 96003*

Beulah Heights University (892 Berne Street, S.E., Atlanta, GA 30316)

- *To relocate the Columbus teaching to: 6003 Veterans Parkway, Columbus, GA 31909*
- *To close the teaching site located at: 488 Seoseongilro, Seongsan-eup, Seogwipo-si, Jeju-do, South Korea*

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

- *To add a teaching site at: Hancock State Prison, 701 Prison Blvd., Sparta, GA 31087*

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

- *To add a teaching site located at: 9191 Bolsa Ave, #229, Westminster, CA 92683*
- *To relocate the San Diego teaching site to: 444 W C St STE 240, San Diego, CA 92101*

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

- *To close the teaching site located at: 13890 Braddock Road, Suite 302, Centreville, VA*
- *To close the teaching site located at: Huisun Building 39-5 Dang-San Dong 4Ga Yeongdeungpo-Gu, Seoul, Korea*

John Witherspoon College (4024 Sheridan Lake Road, Rapid City, SD 57702)

- *To relocate the institution to: 640 East St. Patrick St., Rapid City, SD 57701*

Kernel University (905 South Euclid Street #213, Fullerton, CA 92832)

- *To close the teaching site located at: 120-64 Haga-ri Aewol-eup, Jeju-si, Jeju-do, South Korea*

Nehemiah Gateway University (Rr. Nehemia, 7304 Bucimas, Pogradec, Albania)

- *To change the name of the institution to: Higher Education Institution (HEI) Nehemiah Gateway*

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

- *To close the teaching site located at: 128 Bangchuk-gil, Aewol-eup, Aewol, 63039 Jeju-do, South Korea*

Underwood University (2855 Rolling Pin Lane, Suite 200, Suwanee, GA 30024)

- *To add a teaching site located at: 6131 Orangethorpe Ave, Suite 450, Buena Park, CA 90620*

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

- *To change the name of the institution to "Virginia Christian College"*
- *To relocate the institution to: 17100 Van Buren Road, Dumfries, VA 22025*

Western Covenant University (680 Wilshire Place, Suite 310, Los Angeles, CA 90005)

- *To close the teaching site located at: 142 Youngsu-gi, Hangyeong-myeon, JeJu 63038, South Korea*