



**Transnational Association of Christian  
Colleges and Schools  
Accreditation Commission Meeting  
April 15-16, 2019**

Hyatt Regency Orange County  
11999 Harbor Blvd.  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

## **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 2024. 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:

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

**Calvary Chapel University** (1771 East Palomar Street, Chula Vista, CA 91913)

**Hosanna Bible College** (3519 Fayetteville Street, Durham, NC 27707)

**Southern California State University** (3470 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 380, Los Angeles, California 90010)

### **DEFERRAL OF CANDIDATE STATUS**

**California Victor University** (2495 East Orangethorpe Avenue, Fullerton, California 92831)

At the meeting on April 16, 2019, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to defer granting Candidate status to California Victor University (CVU) as a Category III institution. This action was taken due to the institution's inability to demonstrate compliance with specified TRACS Standards. The Commission action of deferral requires that CVU submit a Progress Report by August 15, 2019, addressing the remaining Recommendations and Suggestions originally detailed in the Evaluation Team Report. Once it has been determined that CVU is able to demonstrate the appropriate level of compliance with the issues leading to the deferral, the institution will be able to re-appear before the Accreditation Commission for re-consideration of Candidate status.

## 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 2024.

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

**Kernel University** (905 South Euclid Street, 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)

## 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 2029.

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

**Epic Bible College and Graduate School** (4330 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95841)

## DEFERRAL OF REAFFIRMATION II / PLACE ON SHOW CAUSE

**Apex School of Theology** (1701 T.W. Alexander Drive, Durham, NC 27703)

At the meeting on April 16, 2019, the TRACS Accreditation Commission voted to (1) defer the granting of Reaffirmation II status for Apex School of Theology (ASOT) and (2) require ASOT to Show Cause as to why the institution's accreditation should not be removed. This action was taken due to the institution's inability to demonstrate compliance with specified TRACS Standards.

ASOT may appeal the Commission's decision to require ASOT to Show Cause as to why its accreditation should not be removed. If ASOT appeals this decision, it must follow the procedures outlined in BP219. If notice of ASOT's intent to appeal the Commission's decision is not received in the TRACS office according to policy, the Commission's decision will be final.

## STANDARD AND POLICY REVIEW

At the April 15-16, 2019, meeting, the TRACS Accreditation Commission gave final approval for changes to TRACS policies. These policies were previously distributed to TRACS member institutions and posted on the TRACS website for a 30-day comment period.

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

At the April 15-16, 2019, meeting, the TRACS Accreditation Commission approved the following substantive changes:

American University of Health Sciences (1600 E. Hill St., Signal Hill, CA 90755)

- *To add a Doctor of Pharmacy degree*

Patrick Henry College (10 Patrick Henry Circle, Purcellville, VA 20132)

- *To add a B.A. in Environmental Science and Stewardship*

Sierra States University (1818 S. Western Ave. #304, Los Angeles, CA 90006)

- *To add a Bachelor of Computer Information Systems degree program*
- *To add a Master of Computer Information Systems degree program*

## **SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE DEFERRED BY THE ACCREDITATION COMMISSION**

At the April 15-16, 2019, meeting, the TRACS Accreditation Commission deferred the following substantive change:

Sierra States University (1818 S. Western Ave. #304, Los Angeles, CA 90006)

- *To add Distance Education*

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

At the April 15-16, 2019, meeting, the TRACS Accreditation Commission reviewed the following institutional changes, previously approved by TRACS:

California Graduate School of Theology (11277 Garden Grove Boulevard, Garden Grove, CA 92843)

- *To add teaching site located at: 4860 Irvine Boulevard, #205, Irvine, California 92620*

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

- *To relocate the Baracoa, Cuba Teaching Site to: Maceo 70 Baracoa 97310*
- *To relocate the Guántanamo, Cuba Teaching Site to: Callejuela F No. 146 A, Entre Calle 2 y Calle 4, Reparto Rubén López Saboriego, Guantánamo*

Heritage Baptist College (1747 Bud Hawkins Road, Dunn, NC 28335)

- *To change the location of the institution to: 494 Antioch Church Road, Dunn, NC 28334*

Sierra States University (1818 S. Western Ave, #304, Los Angeles, CA 90006)

- *To add teaching site located at: 8100 Garden Grove Blvd., #110, Garden Grove, CA 92844*