



***Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
Commission on Colleges***  
**Accreditation Actions taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees**

**December 4, 2016**

At its meeting on December 4, 2016, the SACSCOC Board of Trustees took the following actions regarding the accreditation status of institutions. The list ***does not include*** the names of institutions required only to submit additional monitoring, referral, or special reports, unless the review resulted in a negative or an adverse action.

**The Board reaffirmed the accreditation of the following institutions:**

Appalachian College of Pharmacy, Oakwood, Virginia  
Augusta University, Augusta, Georgia  
Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas  
Charleston Southern University, Charleston, South Carolina  
Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia  
The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia  
Columbus State University, Columbus, Georgia  
Greensboro College, Greensboro, North Carolina  
High Point University, High Point, North Carolina  
Johnson University, Knoxville, Tennessee  
LeTourneau University, Longview, Texas  
Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia  
Loyola University New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana  
Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Cordova, Tennessee  
Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana  
Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, Louisiana  
Southwestern Adventist University, Keene, Texas  
Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, Tennessee  
Texas A & M University-Texarkana, Texarkana, Texas  
Universidad de Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico  
The University of Alabama in Huntsville, Huntsville, Alabama  
University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida  
University of the Cumberlands, Williamsburg, Kentucky  
**University of Houston-Downtown, Houston, Texas**  
University of North Carolina School of the Arts, Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
University of North Georgia, Dahlonega, Georgia  
University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee  
University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee, Sarasota, Florida  
University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
The University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas  
Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
Webber International University, Babson Park, Florida  
West Texas A & M University, Canyon, Texas  
William Marsh Rice University, Houston, Texas  
Wingate University, Wingate, North Carolina

**The Board approved the mergers/consolidations/acquisitions of the following institutions:**

Albany State University, Albany, Georgia and Darton State College, Albany, Georgia  
The merger/consolidation of Albany State University and Darton State University to be called Albany State University (Effective January 2017)

Coastal Alabama Community College, Bay Minette, Alabama  
The merger/consolidation of James H. Faulkner State Community College, Alabama Southern Community College, and Jefferson Davis Community College to be called Coastal Alabama Community College (Effective January 2017)

ECPI University, Virginia Beach, Virginia  
The acquisition of the Nursing Program and campus from Remington College, Lake Mary, Florida (Effective within 30 days of December 4, 2016)

Miami International University of Art and Design, Miami, Florida  
The merger/consolidation of the following branch campuses that are currently part of the accreditation of South University: The Art Institute of Charlotte, The Art Institute of Dallas, The Art Institute Fort Worth and The Art Institute of Raleigh-Durham (Effective within 30 days of December 4, 2016)

**The Board accredited the following member institutions at a new or a more advanced degree level:**

Belhaven University, Jackson, Mississippi  
Moved from Level III to Levels IV and V to offer the Ed.S. and the Ed.D. in Education Leadership and in Education Leadership and Supervision. (Effective June 2017)

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia  
Moved from Level III to Level V to offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice offered online through a joint degree with Goshen College. (Effective January 2018)

Florida Keys Community College, Key West, Florida  
Moved from Level I to Level II to offer the Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management. (Effective January 2017)

Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina  
Moved from Level II to Level III offering the Master of Science in Criminal Justice. (Effective August 2017)

Mid-Atlantic Christian University, Elizabeth City, North Carolina  
Moved from Level II to Level III to offer a Graduate Certificate in Church Planting. (Effective August 2017)

Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Moved from Level II to Level III to offer the Master of Science in Elementary Education. (Effective January 2018).

Virginia Wesleyan College, Norfolk, Virginia

Moved from Level II to Level III to offer the Master of Arts in Education and the Master of Business Administration. (Effective May 2017 and August 2017, respectively)

**The Board approved the following substantive changes:**

Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, North Carolina

Approved (1) distance learning offering coursework leading to the following programs at the approved off-campus instructional sites: BSW Social Work and BS Criminal Justice on the campuses of Halifax Community College and the College of the Albemarle, (2) the new off-campus instructional sites located at Roanoke-Chowan College and Beaufort County Community College, and (3) distance learning offering coursework leading to the following programs at the following newly approved off-campus instructional sites: BSW Social Work and BS Criminal Justice on the campus of Roanoke-Chowan College (Ahoskie) and the BS Criminal Justice on the campus of Beaufort County Community College (Washington). (Effective January 2017)

Navarro College, Corsicana, Texas

Approved the following dual credit off-campus instructional sites in Texas: Fairfield High School, Fairfield; Leon High School, Jewett; Normangee High School, Normangee; Dawson High School, Dawson; and Centerville High School, Centerville.

Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama

Approved the expansion of online degree offerings for the Master of Science in Environmental Science and the Master of Science in Environmental Management.

**The Board accepted the following institutions' prospectus for acquisitions:**

Southwestern Assemblies of God University, Waxahachie, Texas

Accepted the prospectus for the acquisition of an off-campus site at the American Indian College.

University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas

Accepted the prospectus for the acquisition of the University of the Incarnate Word Campus Bajio, Irapuato, Guanajuato, Mexico.

**The Board continued the accreditation of each of the following institutions after a Substantive Change Committee conducted an on-site review of the previously approved change:**

Alabama Community Colleges

Review of change in governance for the following community colleges in Alabama moving from the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Community College System: Alabama Southern Community College, Monroeville; Beville State Community College, Jasper; Bishop State Community

College, Mobile; Calhoun Community College, Tanner; Central Alabama Community College, Alexander City; Chattahoochee Valley Community College, Phenix City; Enterprise State Community College, Enterprise; Faulkner State Community College, Bay Minette; Gadsden State Community College, Gadsden; George C. Wallace Community College, Dothan; George Corley Wallace Community College, Selma; H. Council Trenholm State Community College, Montgomery; J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College, Huntsville; Jefferson Davis Community College, Brewton; Jefferson State Community College, Birmingham; Lurleen B. Wallace Community College, Andalusia; Marion Military Institute, Marion; Northeast Alabama Community College, Rainsville; Northwest-Shoals Community College, Muscle Shoals; Shelton State Community College, Tuscaloosa; Snead State Community College, Boaz; Southern Union State Community College, Wadley; T.A. Lawson State Community College, Birmingham; and Wallace State Community College, Hanceville.

Asbury University, Wilmore, Kentucky

Review of the Master of Business Administration program offered online.

Bainbridge State College, Bainbridge, Georgia

Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Management.

Brenau University, Gainesville, Georgia

Review of a new off-campus instructional site: Bank of America Plaza, Jacksonville, Florida.

East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee

Review of the Ed.D. in Global Sport Leadership program.

East Texas Baptist University, Marshall, Texas

Review of the following off-campus instructional site: General Assembly Institute of the Church of the Living God, Tyler, Texas.

Emory and Henry College, Emory, Virginia

Review of (1) membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Physical Therapy, formerly approved in December 2011 and reinstated in May 2015 and (2) the acquisition of the Equine Studies program from Virginia Intermont College.

Erskine College, Due West, South Carolina

Review of the online delivery of the Master of Arts in Theological Studies program.

Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Georgia

Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management, and in Business Management.

Georgia Piedmont Technical College, Clarkston, Georgia

Review of the following off-campus instructional site: Georgia Piedmont Technical College, South DeKalb, Decatur, Georgia.

Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia

Review of the merger/consolidation of Georgia State University with Georgia Perimeter College.

Lord Fairfax Community College, Middletown, Virginia

Review of the following competency-based direct assessment programs: Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Management and in

Information Systems Technology; and Certificates in Office Systems Assistant, in Cyber Security, in Hospital Facility Coding, in Information Processing Technician, and In Networking Specialist.

Midland College, Midland, Texas

Review of the following Texas off-campus instructional sites reviewed as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: Midland High School, Midland; Lee High School, Midland; and Fort Stockton High School, Fort Stockton.

Montreat College, Montreat, North Carolina

Review of the following North Carolina off-campus instructional sites conducted as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: Western Piedmont Community College, Morganton and North Carolina Wesleyan College, Durham.

Nash Community College, Rocky Mount, North Carolina

Review of two off-campus instructional sites for Rocky Mount High School located at 3018 S. Tillery Street and 1400 Bethlehem Road, Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

Northeast State Community College, Blountville, Tennessee

Review of the following Tennessee off-campus instructional sites conducted as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: Northeast State Bristol, Bristol; Northeast State at Johnson City, Johnson City; Dobyns-Bennett High School, Kingsport; Tennessee High School, Bristol; and Unicoi High School, Erwin.

Regent University, Virginia Beach, Virginia

Review of the institution's Bachelor of Science with a major in Nursing.

Richmond Community College, Hamlet, North Carolina

Review of an off-campus instructional site: Scotland High School, Laurinburg, North Carolina.

Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas

Review of the following off-campus instructional site conducted as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: Navarro College-Midlothian, Midlothian, Texas.

Tyler Junior College, Tyler, Texas

Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor Science in Dental Hygiene.

University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida

Review of the following off-campus instructional site: Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola, Center for American Education, La Molina, Lima, Peru.

University of Houston, Houston, Texas

Review of an acquisition of the School of Nursing from the University of Houston-Victoria.

University of North Texas at Dallas, Dallas, Texas

Review of (1) the acquisition of the University of North Texas at Dallas College of Law and (2) membership at Level V offering the Juris Doctor in Law.

University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee, Sarasota, Florida

Review of an off-campus instructional site: University of South Florida-Tampa, Tampa, Florida.

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas

Review of the following off-campus instructional sites: Sunshine Cottage School

for Deaf Children, San Antonio, Texas and the Center for Hearing and Speech, Houston, Texas.

University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas  
Review of the Doctor of Pharmacy.

Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
Review of the following North Carolina off-campus instructional sites reviewed as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Report: Duke University Medical Center (Hock Center), Durham; Research Triangle (UNC Healthcare Memorial Hospital), Chapel Hill; and Rex Hospital, Raleigh.

**The Board removed the following institutions from Warning:**

Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Alabama  
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Perkinston, Mississippi

**The Board removed the following institutions from Probation:**

Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro, Kentucky  
The University of Tennessee at Martin, Martin, Tennessee

**SANCTIONS AND OTHER NEGATIVE ACTIONS**

*For further information regarding SACSCOC Board sanctions, see the Commission's policy "Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership." Also, for the specific standard or requirement cited below, refer to SACSCOC's Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement. Both documents can be found on the Commission's website at <http://www.sacscoc.org>.*

**The Board denied membership at a more advanced degree level for the following institution:**

North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, North Carolina  
Denied approval of membership at Level III to offer the Master of Science in Criminal Justice. The institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capability to comply with the following standard as it relates to the substantive change: Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

**The Board denied approval of substantive change for the following institution:**

Florida National University, Hialeah, Florida  
Denial of approval of a change of governance from a private, for-profit to a private, not-for-profit because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capability to comply with the following standards of the *Principles of Accreditation* as they relate to the substantive change: Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability) and Comprehensive Standard 3.2.4 (External influence) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

**The Board placed the following institutions on Warning:**

Atlanta Technical College, Atlanta, Georgia  
For six months for failure to comply with Principle 1.1 (Integrity) and

Comprehensive Standard 3.13.1 (Accrediting Decisions of Other Agencies) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The Committee did not authorize a Special Committee to visit the institution.

Baylor University, Waco, Texas

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.10 (Student support services), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.11 (Control of intercollegiate athletics), and Comprehensive Standard 3.11.2 (Institutional environment) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The Committee authorized a Special Committee to visit the institution.

**The Board continued Warning for the following institution:**

Southwestern Christian College, Terrell, Texas

For twelve months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: educational programs) and Federal Requirement 4.9 (Definition of credit hours) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The Committee did not authorize a Special Committee to visit the institution.

**The Board denied reaffirmation, continued accreditation, and placed the following institutions on Warning:**

Northwest Vista College, San Antonio, Texas

For twelve months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.2.6 (Board/administrative distinction), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.4 (Acceptance of academic credit), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.5 (Academic policies), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.10 (Responsibility for curriculum), Comprehensive Standard 3.13 (Policy compliance: "Reaffirmation of Accreditation and Subsequent Reports"), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The Committee did not authorize a Special Committee to visit the institution.

Saint Philip's College, San Antonio, Texas

For twelve months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.2.6 (Board/administrative distinction), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.4 (Acceptance of academic credit), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.5 (Academic policies), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.10 (Responsibility for curriculum), Comprehensive Standard 3.13 (Policy compliance: "Reaffirmation of Accreditation and Subsequent Reports"), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The Committee did not authorize a Special Committee to visit the institution.

San Antonio College, San Antonio, Texas

For twelve months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.2.6 (Board/administrative distinction), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.4 (Acceptance of academic credit), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.5 (Academic policies), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.10 (Responsibility for curriculum), Comprehensive Standard 3.13 (Policy compliance: "Reaffirmation of Accreditation and

Subsequent Reports”), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The Committee did not authorize a Special Committee to visit the institution.

Thomas University, Thomasville, Georgia

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.7 (Consortial relationships/contractual agreements), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.11 (Academic program coordination), (Comprehensive Standard 3.5.4 (Terminal degrees of faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence), and Comprehensive Standard 3.8.3 (Qualified staff) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The Committee did not authorize a special committee to visit the institution.

**The Board placed the following institutions on Probation:**

University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing board), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.1 (CEO evaluation/selection), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.4 (External influence), and Comprehensive Standard 3.2.5 (Board dismissal) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The Committee authorized a Special Committee to visit the institution.

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, Texas

For twelve months for failure to comply with Principle 1.1(Integrity), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.4 (Acceptance of academic credit), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.7 (Consortial relationships/contractual agreements), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.2 (Institutional credits for a degree), Comprehensive Standard 3.6.3 (Institutional credits for a graduate degree), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.2 (Financial aid audits), Comprehensive Standard 3.12.1 (Substantive change), Comprehensive Standard 3.13 (Policy compliance: “Advertising, Student Recruitment, and Representation of Accredited Status”), Comprehensive Standard 3.14.1 (Publication of accreditation status), and Federal Requirement 4.6 (Recruitment materials) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The Committee authorized a Special Committee to visit the institution.

**The Board denied reaffirmation, continued accreditation for good cause, and placed the following institution on Probation:**

The Art Institute of Houston, Houston, Texas

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The Committee authorized a Special Committee to visit the institution.



**The Board denied reaffirmation, continued accreditation for good cause, and continued the following institution on Probation:**

Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama

For twelve months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The Committee authorized a Special Committee to visit the institution.

**The Board continued accreditation for good cause and placed the following institutions on Probation:**

The Art Institute of Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The Committee authorized a Special Committee to visit the institution.

Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing board), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The Committee authorized a Special Committee to visit the institution.

Bethel University, McKenzie, Tennessee

For six months for failure to comply with Federal Requirement 4.9 (Definition of credit hour) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The Committee authorized a Special Committee to visit the institution.

Miami International University of Art and Design, Miami, Florida

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The Committee authorized a Special Committee to visit the institution.

Saint Augustine's University, Raleigh, North Carolina

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The Committee authorized a Special Committee to visit the institution.

South University, Savannah, Georgia

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The Committee authorized a Special Committee to visit the institution.