



Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS)

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PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION

2022 - 2023

Accreditor types: Programmatic

Recognition Status: Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education

Range of Accreditation Activity: Accredits free-standing seminaries and academic units of larger institutions in the United States and Canada that offer post-baccalaureate degrees in professional and academic theological education.

International Accreditation Activity:

35 Non-U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.

37 U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.

Yes Organization evaluates credentials or degrees from outside the U.S.

Non-US Program and Institution Countries

Canada

Sponsoring Organization: Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada. ATS shares its facility and some support services with the Commission on Accrediting, but the two corporations operate separately and independently.

Composition of Decision-Making Body:

A 20-member Board of Commissioners composed of 5 public members, 7 faculty members, 6 academic deans, and 2 school presidents.

1,667,000 Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only

0 Direct support from any sponsoring organization

0 In-kind support from any sponsoring organization

Employees: 7 Full-time **2** Part-time

Volunteers: 128 - served 2022 - 2023

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMS

2022 - 2023

266 Accredited U.S. and non-U.S. Institutions and Programs

230 Total U.S. Degree-Granting

0 Public

229 Private Nonprofit

1 Private For-Profit

1 Total U.S. Non-Degree-Granting

0 Public

1 Private Nonprofit

0 Private For-Profit

77,329 Students

PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

2022 - 2023

Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up: 7-10 years

Frequency of Comprehensive Review of Accreditation Standards: Every 5 years

Summary of Formal Actions 2022 - 2023

0 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Granted

0 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Denied

2 Initial Accreditation Granted

1 Initial Accreditation Denied

1 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review

28 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review with Required Follow-up

5 Notice or Warning

2 Probation

1 Show Cause

0 Accreditation Terminated or Removed

0 Actions under Appeal

6 Other

Summary of Additional Actions

72 Substantive Changes Reviewed

55 Site Visits

1 Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation