## Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation (ABHE)

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### PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION

**Accrreditor types:** Institutional  
**Recognition Status:** Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education  
**Range of Accreditation Activity:** Institutions and programs in the United States, Canada and related territories that offer certificates, diplomas, associate, baccalaureate or graduate degrees aimed at preparing students for Christian ministries through Biblical, church-vocational and general studies. (2007)

### International Accreditation Activity:
- **17** Non-U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.
- **16** U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.
- **No** Organization evaluates credentials or degrees from outside the U.S.

**Sponsoring Organization:** Association for Biblical Higher Education; the Commission on Accreditation is the autonomous accrediting body of ABHE.

**Composition of Decision-Making Body:**
A Commission of not less than fourteen (14) or more than twenty-two (22) Commissioners, comprised as follows: twelve (12) to eighteen (18) elected from among COA accredited institutions, including representation among appropriately qualified administrators and appropriately qualified academicians; and two (2) to four (4) appointed public representatives, one of which may be a student representative from a COA accredited institution, and the others not associated with a COA accredited, candidate, or applicant institution. Representatives of COA accredited institutions will constitute not less than 3/4 of total Commissioners. Public members will represent at least 1/7 of the Commission.

**Employees:** 3 Full-time  
**Volunteers:** 89

### PROFILE OF ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS

**2020-2021**

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**37,942 Students**

### PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

**Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up:** 5 years for Initial Accreditation, 10 years for Reaffirmation of Accreditation.

**Summary of Formal Actions 2020-2021**

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**Summary of Additional Actions**

- **86** Site Visits

- **1** Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation