



Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation (ABHE)

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PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION

2020-2021

Accreditor 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.

687,546 Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only

0 Direct support from any sponsoring organization

0 In-kind support from any sponsoring organization

Employees: 3 Full-time **2** Part-time

Volunteers: 89 - served 2020-2021

PROFILE OF ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS

2020-2021

118 Accredited U.S and non-U.S. Institutions

117 Degree-Granting:

0 Public

17 Private Nonprofit

100 Private For-Profit

1 Non-Degree-Granting:

0 Public

1 Private Nonprofit

0 Private For-Profit

37,942 Students

PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES

2020-2021

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

Frequency of Comprehensive Review of Accreditation Standards: Every 10 years; each year, the commission reviews a section of the standards.

Summary of Formal Actions 2020-2021

5 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Granted

0 Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Denied

2 Initial Accreditation Granted

0 Initial Accreditation Denied

15 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review

2 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review with Required Follow-up

1 Notice or Warning

2 Probation

0 Show Cause

0 Accreditation Terminated or Removed

0 Actions under Appeal

n/a Other

Summary of Additional Actions

41 Substantive Changes Reviewed

86 Site Visits

1 Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation

