



***Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
Commission on Colleges***

**Actions taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees  
December 7, 2014**

At its meeting on December 7, 2014, 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:**

Academy of Oriental Medicine at Austin, Austin, Texas  
Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia  
Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University, Normal, Alabama  
Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tennessee  
Barry University, Miami Shores, Florida  
Bryan College, Dayton, Tennessee  
Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, Kentucky  
Clayton State University, Morrow, Georgia  
The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina  
Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas  
Delta State University, Cleveland, Mississippi  
Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia  
Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida  
Georgia College & State University, Milledgeville, Georgia  
Georgia Southwestern State University, Americus, Georgia  
Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Texas  
Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama  
Longwood University, Farmville, Virginia  
Louisiana State University and A & M College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, Shreveport, Louisiana  
LSU Paul M. Hebert Law School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Virginia  
Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Mississippi  
Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, Mississippi  
Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky  
North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina  
St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas

Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Texas  
Texas A & M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas  
The University of Dallas, Irving, Texas  
University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida  
University of Houston-Victoria, Victoria, Texas  
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton, Texas  
University of Mobile, Mobile, Alabama  
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, North Carolina  
University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia  
Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia

**The Board reaffirmed the accreditation of the following institutions and removed them from sanction:**

Brewton-Parker College, Mount Vernon, Georgia (*removed from Probation*)  
Newberry College, Newberry, South Carolina (*removal from Probation*)

**The Board granted initial accreditation to the following institutions:**

H. Councill Trenholm State Technical Community College, Montgomery, Alabama  
(*Level I*)  
Texas A & M University-San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas (*Level III*)  
(*Formerly accredited as part of Texas A&M University Kingsville*)

**The Board authorized an accreditation committee visit to the following institution:**

Texas Southmost College, Brownsville, Texas  
(*Currently accredited as the University of Texas at Brownsville/Texas Southmost College*)

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

Georgia Perimeter College, Decatur, Georgia  
Moved from Level I to Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Health Informatics and the Bachelor of Arts in American Sign Language (*Effective: August 2015*)  
University of North Texas at Dallas, Dallas, Texas  
Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Juris Doctor in Law (*Effective: Fall 2015*)

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

Emory and Henry College, Emory, Virginia  
Approved the acquisition of the Equine Studies program from Virginia Intermont College  
University of Houston, Houston, Texas  
Approved the acquisition of the School of Nursing from the University of Houston-Victoria to be offered at the main campus as well as at the following sites:  
University of Houston – Sugar Land Campus; University of Houston – Victoria; University of Houston System – Cinco Ranch; and Lone Star College – University Center at Montgomery. (*Effective: August 2015*).

University of North Texas at Dallas, Dallas, Texas

Approved the acquisition of the University of North Texas College of Law

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

Carson-Newman University, Jefferson City, Tennessee

Review of membership at Level IV and Level V offering the Educational Specialist and the Doctor of Education

Coastal Pines Technical College, Waycross, Georgia

Review of the merger/consolidation of Okefenokee Technical College and Altamaha Technical College

College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina

Review of the Master of Science in Historic Preservation joint degree with Clemson University and offered in Charleston, South Carolina

Dallas Baptist University, Dallas, Texas

Review of the following Texas off-campus instructional sites: Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School District, Bedford; Lindale High School Independent School District, Lindale; and Community Independent School District Administration Building, Nevada

Frank Phillips College, Borger, Texas

Review of the following off-campus instructional sites: The Hereford Cosmetology Center of Frank Phillips College, Hereford, Texas, and the Dumas Cosmetology Center, Dumas, Texas

Gordon State College, Barnesville, Georgia

Review of the Henry County Academy for Advanced Studies located in McDonough, Georgia

Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Texas

Review of an off-campus instructional site located in New Braunfels, Texas, offering more than 50% of the Master of Business Administration

King University, Bristol, Tennessee

Review of the institution's following off-campus instructional sites: Mountain Empire Community, Big Stone Gap, Virginia and Spring Bluff Way, Knoxville, Tennessee

Lone Star College System, The Woodlands, Texas

Review of its branch campus, Mulia Business Park, Jakarta, Indonesia

Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Virginia

Review of the (1) Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies-Teacher Education degree completion program and (2) an off-campus instructional site in Castries, St. Lucia

Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Madison, Tennessee

Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice with 50 percent or more of the coursework offered through distance learning

Nashville State Community College, Nashville, Tennessee

Review of the off-campus instructional site located in Clarksville, Tennessee

North Carolina Central University, Durham, North Carolina  
Review of the institution's off-campus instructional site: Public Safety Education Campus, Wake Technical College in Raleigh, North Carolina

Northwest-Shoals Community College, Muscle Shoals, Alabama  
Review of the following Alabama off-campus instructional sites: Russellville High School and Franklin County Technical Center, Russellville; Muscle Shoals Center for Technology, Muscle Shoals; and Allen Thornton Career Technical Center, Killen

Our Lady of Holy Cross College, New Orleans, Louisiana  
Review of membership at Level V offering the Ph.D. in Counselor Education

Parker University, Dallas, Texas  
Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Business Administration in Health Care Management

Reinhardt University, Waleska, Georgia  
Review of the institution's off-campus instructional site: Chattahoochee Technical College, Canton, Georgia

Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens, Tennessee  
Review of an off-campus instructional site located at Cleveland State Community College, Cleveland, Tennessee

Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas  
Review of (1) the acquisition of Texas Wesleyan University School of Law and (2) the merger/consolidation with Texas A & M Health Science Center

University of Houston, Houston, Texas  
Review of the following off-campus instructional sites: Northwest Campus (UH-NWC), Houston; CPNC and CPPC Managers Training Institute, Xi San Qi, Beijing, China; Hotel Holiday International, Sharjah, UAE, Dubai; Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola, La Molina, Lima, Peru; and Ukraine Kyiv School of Economics, Kyiv, Ukraine

University of Mount Olive, Mount Olive, North Carolina  
Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Business Administration online

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas  
Review of the institution's off-campus instructional site: Dallas ISD School Support Service Center, Dallas, Texas

**The Board approved the merger/consolidation of the following institutions:**

Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia  
Approval of the merger/consolidation of Kennesaw State University and Southern Polytechnic State University to be called Kennesaw State University (*Effective: January 2015*)

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

Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, Virginia

### **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 the Commission'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 approval to offer educational programs at a new or more advanced degree level for the following member institutions:**

Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Georgia

Denial of approval of membership at Level II to offer the Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management and the Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Management for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.7.2 (Program content), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.4 (Acceptance of academic credit), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.3 (Undergraduate program requirements), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Texas

Denial of approval of membership at Level V to offer the Doctor of Management for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.4.6 (Practices for awarding credit) and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence); and the Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.7.2 (Program content), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.6 (Practices for awarding credit), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence), and Federal Requirement 4.2 (Program curriculum) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Alabama State University, Montgomery, Alabama

Denial of approval of Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.7 (Consortial relationships/contractual agreements), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.11 (Academic program coordination), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.3 (Undergraduate program requirements), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.4 (Terminal degrees of faculty), and Comprehensive Standard 3.8.1 (Learning/information resources); and the Master of Social Work for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence), and Comprehensive Standard 3.8.1 (Learning/information resources) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

**The Board continued the accreditation of the following institutions and placed them on Warning:**

The Art Institute of Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia

For 12 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 Art Institute of Houston, Houston, Texas

For 12 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*.

Bethel University, McKenzie, Tennessee

For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Miami International University of Art & Design, Miami, Florida

For 12 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*.

South University, Savannah, Georgia

For 12 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 Board continued the accreditation of the following institutions and continued them on Warning:**

Alabama State University, Montgomery, Alabama

For six months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of sponsored research/external funds), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky

For 12 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 Board continued the accreditation of the following institution and placed it on Probation:**

Norfolk State University, Norfolk, Virginia

For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing board), Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.5 (Board dismissal), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.6 (Board/administrative distinction), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.5 (Faculty role in governance), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.2 (Financial aid audits), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of

finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of sponsored research/external funds), Comprehensive Standard 3.11.1 (Control of physical resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.13.1 (Policy compliance), Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

**The Board continued accreditation for Good Cause and placed the following institutions on Probation:**

Emmanuel Christian Seminary, Johnson City, Tennessee

For 12 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*.

Erskine College, Due West, South Carolina

For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia

For 12 months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources and stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV, Program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

**The Board removed the following institution from membership:**

Mid-Continent University, Mayfield, Kentucky

For failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional effectiveness), Core Requirement 2.6 (Continuous operation), Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Core Requirement 2.9 (Learning resources and services), Core Requirement 2.10 (Student support services), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources and stability), Core Requirement 2.11.2 (Physical resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.2 (Financial aid audits), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), Federal Requirement 4.6 (Recruitment materials), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

*(Note: Termination of accreditation is effective 10 days after receipt of written notification if the institution elects not to appeal.)*