



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

**Actions taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees  
December 10, 2012**

At its meeting on December 9, 2012, SACSCOC Board of Trustees took the following actions regarding the accreditation status of institutions reviewed. The list *does not include* the names of institutions required only to submit additional monitoring reports unless the review resulted in a negative or an adverse action.

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

The American University in Dubai, Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
Austin Graduate School of Theology, Austin, Texas  
Christendom College, Front Royal, Virginia  
Coastal Carolina University, Conway, South Carolina  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida  
Florida Memorial University, Miami Gardens, Florida  
Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky  
Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory, North Carolina  
Miami International University of Art and Design, Miami, Florida  
Milligan College, Milligan College, Tennessee  
Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi  
Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi  
Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, Mississippi  
Oakwood University, Huntsville, Alabama  
Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia  
Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas  
Parker University, Dallas, Texas  
*(Includes approval of an exception to Core Requirement 2.7.4)*  
Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer, North Carolina  
Radford University, Radford, Virginia  
Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi  
Shorter University, Rome, Georgia  
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina  
Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tennessee  
Southern College of Optometry, Memphis, Tennessee  
Southwestern Assemblies of God University, Waxahachie, Texas  
Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas  
Texas A & M University System Health Science Center, Bryan, Texas  
Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, Virginia

University of Houston-Clear Lake, Houston, Texas  
*(Includes approval of an exception to Core Requirement 2.7.4)*  
University of North Alabama, Florence, Alabama  
The University of North Carolina at Asheville, Asheville, North Carolina  
University of Pikeville, Pikeville, Kentucky  
University of South Carolina Upstate, Spartanburg, South Carolina  
Warner University, Lake Wales, Florida

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

Houston Baptist University, Houston, Texas *(removal from Warning)*  
Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina *(removal from Warning)*  
Montreat College, Montreat, North Carolina *(removal from Warning)*

**The Commission accredited the following member institutions at a more advanced degree level:**

Bluefield College, Bluefield, Virginia  
Moved from Level II to Level III offering the Master of Arts in Education online  
Brevard Community College, Cocoa, Florida  
Moved from Level I to Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management  
Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Virginia  
Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Doctor of Physical Therapy and the Doctor of Occupational Therapy  
Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, Mississippi  
Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Doctor of Nursing Practice  
Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, Florida  
Moved from Level IV to Level V offering the Doctor of Business Administration in Management  
Southeastern University, Lakeland, Florida  
Moved from Level III to Level V offering the Doctor of Education

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

Chattahoochee Valley Community College, Phenix City, Alabama  
Approved the Associate of Applied Science degree in Applied Technology  
Greensboro College, Greensboro, North Carolina  
Approved the Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Criminal Justice Administration degrees offered online  
Houston Baptist University, Houston, Texas  
Approved the following programs: Bachelor of Arts in Cinema and New Media Arts, Master of Arts in Philosophy, Certificate in Apologetics, and the Master of Arts in Apologetics.  
Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Virginia  
Approved a new branch campus located in Fishersville, Virginia  
Midland College, Midland, Texas  
Approved the following: (1) the Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science degrees in General Studies offered at Midland High School, Lees High School, and Ozona High School, (2) Computer Graphics Technology offered at the Advanced Technology Center, and (3) the Diesel Technology program offered at the Codgell Learning Center

Parker University, Dallas, Texas

Approved Level I offering the Associate of Applied Science in Radiologic Technology

Southern University at Shreveport, Shreveport, Louisiana

Approved the Associate of Science in Business Management and the Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology offered through distance learning

**The Commission continued the accreditation of the following institutions after an on-site review by a Substantive Change Committee:**

Anderson University, Anderson, South Carolina

Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Ministry

Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, North Carolina

Review of an off-campus instructional site in Charlotte, North Carolina

College of Central Florida, Ocala, Florida

Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Applied Science in Business and Organizational Management and the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood

Florida National University, Hialeah, Florida

Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Business Administration

Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Georgia

Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Nursing Practice

High Point University, High Point, North Carolina

Review of membership at Level V offering the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership

Jefferson State Community College, Birmingham, Alabama

Review of the Associate of Applied Science Registered Nursing program offered at the Chilton-Clanton Center, Clanton and St. Clair-Pell City Center, Pell City, Alabama

Johnson University, Knoxville, Tennessee

Review of membership at Level V offering the Ph.D. in Leadership Studies

Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina

Review of off-campus instructional sites located at Hyderabad, India; Singapore; and Milton Keynes, England

Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Review of the following off-campus instructional sites in Tennessee: Rockvale Middle School in Rockvale, Motlow Community College in McMinnville, Nissan Training Center in Smyrna, and the Middle Tennessee Education Center in Shelbyville

Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina

Review of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing

North Greenville University, Tigerville, South Carolina

Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Ministry

Owensboro Community and Technical College, Owensboro, Kentucky

Review of an Electronic Systems Operation Technician Certificate offered at Lewisport, Kentucky

Savannah Technical College, Savannah, Georgia

Review of off-campus instructional sites at Woodville-Tompkins High School in Savannah and Fort Stewart Army Educational Center in Fort Stewart, Georgia

South University, Savannah, Georgia

Review of a branch campus located in Austin, Texas

Tallahassee Community College, Tallahassee, Florida

Review of the Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education in Tallahassee, Florida

University of Houston-Downtown, Houston, Texas

Review of off-campus instructional sites at Lone Star College-Kingwood and Lone Star College-CyFair

University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida

Review of the Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and in Computer Engineering offered at the University of Florida Research & Engineering Facility in Shalimar, Florida

Virginia Highlands Community College, Abingdon, Virginia

Review of dual enrollment off-campus instructional sites offering the General Education Certificate at the following locations: Abingdon, Virginia; Chilhowie, Virginia; Mountain City, Tennessee; Saltville, Virginia; and Bristol, Virginia

Wade College, Dallas, Texas

Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Arts in Manufacturing and Design

**The Commission approved the merger/consolidations of the following institutions:**

Georgia Health Sciences University, Augusta, Georgia

Approved the consolidation/merger of Georgia Health Sciences University with Augusta State University to be called Georgia Regents University

Macon State College, Macon, Georgia

Approved the consolidation/merger of Macon State College with Middle Georgia College to be called Middle Georgia State College

North Georgia College and State University, Dahlonega, Georgia

Approved the consolidation/merger of North Georgia College and State University with Gainesville State College to be called the University of North Georgia

South Georgia College, Douglas, Georgia

Approved the consolidation/merger of South Georgia College with Waycross College to be called South Georgia State College

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

Austin Community College, Austin, Texas

Dabney S. Lancaster Community College, Clifton Forge, Virginia

Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Florida

Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, Georgia

Grambling State University, Grambling, Louisiana

Texarkana College, Texarkana, Texas

Texas State Technical College–Harlingen, Harlingen, Texas

Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia

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

Chattahoochee Valley Community College, Phenix City, Alabama

Ranger College, Ranger, Texas

## **Sanctions and other Negative Actions**

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

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

Benedict College, Columbia, South Carolina

Denied approval of membership at Level III 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 as they relate to the substantive change: Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.6 (Practices for awarding credit), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Georgia Perimeter College, Decatur, Georgia

Denied approval of membership at Level II 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 as they relate to the substantive change: Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Martin Methodist College, Pulaski, Tennessee

Denied approval of membership at Level III 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 as they relate to the substantive change: Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.6.1 (Post-baccalaureate program rigor), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

### **The Commission denied approval of the following substantive changes:**

Fundacion Universidad de las Americas Puebla, Puebla, Mexico

Denied approval to offer the Licenciatura in Biomedical Engineering degree program for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Parker University, Dallas, Texas

Denied approval of membership at Level III for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.6.1 (Post-baccalaureate program rigor) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Erskine College, Due West, South Carolina

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.10 (Administrative staff evaluations), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.13 (Institution-related entities), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.2 (Institutional effectiveness: administrative support services), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.3 (Institutional effectiveness:

academic and student support services), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.5 (Institutional effectiveness: community/public service), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.2 (Quality enhancement plan), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (General education competencies), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.4 (Terminal degrees of faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.2 (Faculty evaluation), and Comprehensive Standard 3.12.1 (Substantive change) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Memphis College of Art, Memphis, Tennessee

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional effectiveness), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.2 (Institutional effectiveness: administrative support services), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.3 (Institutional effectiveness: academic and student support services), and Comprehensive Standard 3.4.7 (Consortial relationships/contractual agreements) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Mid-Continent University, Mayfield, Kentucky

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.9 (Personnel Appointment), and Comprehensive Standard 3.2.10 (Administrative Staff Evaluations), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: Educational Programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.5 (Institutional Effectiveness: Community/Public Service), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.6 (Practices for Awarding Credit), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.8 (Noncredit to Credit), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (General Education Competencies), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.2 (Faculty Evaluation), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), Federal Requirements 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities), and Federal Requirements 4.9 (Definition of Credit Hours) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia

For twelve months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.4 (Institutional effectiveness: research), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.5 (Institutional effectiveness: community/public service), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.7 (Consortial relationships/contractual agreements), Comprehensive Standard 3.6.3 (Institutional credits for a graduate degree), Comprehensive Standard 3.9.3 (Qualified staff), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Louisiana College, Pineville, Louisiana

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.2 (Institutional effectiveness: administrative support services), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.3 (Institutional effectiveness: academic and student support services), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (General education competencies), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty competence) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

**The Commission denied reaffirmation, continued accreditation, and placed the following institution on Probation:**

Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Virginia

For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Emmanuel Christian Seminary, Johnson City, Tennessee

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing board), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Georgia Perimeter College, Decatur, Georgia

For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Navarro College, Corsicana, Texas

For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.2 (Financial aid audits), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College, Orangeburg, South Carolina

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Southwest Virginia Community College, Cedar Bluff, Virginia

For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Texas College, Tyler, Texas

For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty) and Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing board) and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.5 (Faculty role in governance) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Wytheville Community College, Wytheville, Virginia

For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

**The Commission continued the accreditation of the following institution and placed it on Probation:**

Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, Florida

For twelve months for failure to comply with Principle 1.1 (Integrity), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.8 (Qualified administrative/academic officers), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances), and Comprehensive Standard 3.11.2 (Institutional environment) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances) (*formerly Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4*), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Saint Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, Florida

For twelve months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs) and Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.5 (Institutional effectiveness: community/public service) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Southern University and A & M College at Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

For six months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional effectiveness: educational programs) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing board), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Control of finances) (*formerly Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4*), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Greensboro College, Greensboro, North Carolina

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability) and Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: education programs) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

**Adverse Action**

*Appealable actions do not go into effect until the appeal period of ten days following written notification has expired. If the institution appeals within this time period, it maintains the status held prior to the Commission's decision until the appeal has been resolved.*

**The Commission removed the following institutions from membership:**

Florida Christian College, Kissimmee, Florida

For failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Lon Morris College, Jacksonville, Texas

For failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional effectiveness), Core Requirement 2.6 (Continuous operation), Core Requirement 2.7.2 (Program Content), Core Requirement 2.7.3 (General education), 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), 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), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV program responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.