



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

**Actions taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees
December 5, 2011**

At its meeting on December 5, 2011, 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:

Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas
Alcorn State University, Alcorn State, Mississippi
Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary, Jacksonville, Texas
(includes an exception to CR 2.7.4)
Belmont University, Nashville, Tennessee
Brenau University, Gainesville, Georgia
Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, Texas
Claflin University, Orangeburg, South Carolina
Campbell University, Buies Creek, North Carolina
Christian Brothers University, Memphis, Tennessee
Columbia College, Columbia, South Carolina
Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, North Carolina
Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, North Carolina
Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences, Orlando, Florida
Freed-Hardeman University, Henderson, Tennessee
George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia
Georgia Health Sciences University, Augusta, Georgia
(includes an exception to CR 2.7.4)
Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi
Life University, Marietta, Georgia
Lynn University, Boca Raton, Florida
Morehead State University, Morehead, Kentucky
Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia
Queens University of Charlotte, Charlotte, North Carolina
Randolph College, Lynchburg, Virginia
St. Leo University, Saint Leo, Florida
Southeastern University, Lakeland, Florida
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
Southern University at New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas
Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas

Stetson University, DeLand, Florida
Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Virginia
Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas
Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana
The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia
University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, Mississippi
(includes approval of an exception to CR 2.7.4)
University of Montevallo, Montevallo, Alabama
University of South Carolina – Aiken, Aiken, South Carolina
University of South Carolina-Columbia, Columbia, South Carolina
University of South Florida St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, Florida
The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tennessee
Winthrop University, Rock Hill, South Carolina

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

Brescia University, Owensboro, Kentucky (removed from Warning)
Criswell College, Dallas, Texas (removed from Warning)
Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana (removal from Probation)
Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee (removal from Warning)

The Commission granted initial accreditation to the following institutions:
(Initial accreditation effective January 1, 2011)

Appalachian College of Pharmacy, Oakwood, Virginia (Level V)
Lanier Technical College, Oakwood, Georgia (Level I)
South Georgia Technical College, Americus, Georgia (Level I)

The Commission granted initial candidacy to the following institution:

Galen College of Nursing, Louisville, Kentucky *(Candidacy effective December 5, 2011)*

The Commission authorized a Candidate Committee visit to the following institutions:

College of Biblical Studies, Houston, Texas
Moultrie Technical College, Moultrie, Georgia
Sowela Technical and Community College, Lake Charles, Louisiana
Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, Roanoke, Virginia

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

Academy of Oriental Medicine at Austin, Austin, Texas
Moved from Level III to Level V to offer the Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine
Atlanta Metropolitan College, Atlanta, Georgia
Moved from Level I to Level II to offer the Bachelor of Science in Biology
Coker College, Hartsville, South Carolina
Moved from Level II to Level III to offer the Master of Science in College Athletic Administration
Darton College, Albany, Georgia
Moved from Level I to Level II to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing

East Georgia College, Swainsboro, Georgia
 Moved from Level I to Level II to offer the Bachelor of Science in Biology

Emory & Henry College, Emory, Virginia
 Moved from Level III to Level V to offer the Doctor of Physical Therapy

Florida Gateway College, Lake City, Florida
 Moved from Level I to Level II to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Florida National College, Hialeah, Florida
 Moved from Level II to Level III to offer the Master in Business Administration

Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Georgia
 Moved from Level IV to Level V to offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice

Georgia Perimeter College, Decatur, Georgia
 Moved from Level I to Level II to offer the Bachelor of Arts in Sign Language and the Bachelor of Science in Health Informatics

High Point University, High Point, North Carolina
 Moved from Level III to Level V to offer the Doctor of Education

Limestone College, Gaffney, South Carolina
 Moved from Level II to Level III to offer the Master of Business Administration

South Georgia College, Douglas, Georgia
 Moved from Level I to Level II to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, Tennessee
 Moved from Level III to Level V to offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice

The Commission approved the following substantive changes:

Coker College, Hartsville, South Carolina
 Approved to offer 50 percent or more credits for online programs

Emory & Henry College, Emory, Virginia
 Approved to offer programs at an off-campus instructional site: Smyth County Community Hospital located in Marion, Virginia

Montreat College, Montreat, North Carolina
 Approved to offer the Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Montreat College, Montreat, North Carolina
 Approved to offer courses at two off-campus sites: North Carolina Wesleyan College's Rocky Mount site and North Carolina Wesleyan College's Morrisville site.

Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina
 Approved to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing

University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana
 Approved a change of governance from the Louisiana State University System to the University of Louisiana System

The Commission continued the accreditation of the following institutions after conducting a visit to review their substantive changes:

Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
 Review of membership at Level V offering the Ph.D. in Military Strategy

The Art Institute of Houston, Houston, Texas
 Review of a new branch campus, the Art Institute of San Antonio, a branch campus of the Art Institute of Houston

The Baptist College of Florida, Graceville, Florida
 Review of membership at Level III, offering the Master of Arts in Christian Studies

East Texas Baptist University, Marshall, Texas
Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Arts in Religion and the Master of Education

Elizabethtown Community and Technical College, Elizabethtown, Kentucky
Review of a branch campus at the Springfield Clearview Commerce Center, Springfield, Kentucky

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia
Review of an off-campus instructional site at the University of Malta

Keiser University, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
Review of a change in governance from a private, for-profit to a private, not-for-profit status

Morehead State University, Morehead, Kentucky
Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Education

Pasco-Hernando Community College, New Port Richey, Florida
Review of a branch campus in Spring Hill, Florida

The Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, Georgia
Review of a branch campus, SCAD Hong Kong

South University, Savannah, Georgia
Review of branch campuses in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and in Novi, Michigan

Southern Wesleyan University, Central, South Carolina
Review of the Master of Education in Administration and Supervision

Texas A & M University – Kingsville, Kingsville, Texas
Review of an off-campus instructional site, Southwest Research Institute, San Antonio, Texas, evaluated during the fifth-year interim period

Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Physical Therapy

York Technical College, Rock Hill, South Carolina
Review of five off-campus instructional sites in South Carolina evaluated during the fifth-year interim period: (1) Lancaster High School, Lancaster; (2) Northwestern High School, Rock Hill; (3) Rock Hill High School, Rock Hill; (4) South Pointe High School, Rock Hill; and (5) York Comprehensive High School, York.

The Commission removed the following institutions from Warning:

Barton College, Wilson, North Carolina
Carson Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee
Miami Dade College, Miami, Florida
Pamlico Community College, Grantsboro, North Carolina
South Plains College, Levelland, Texas
Texas A & M University – Commerce, Commerce, Texas

The Commission removed the following institutions from Probation:

Bennett College for Women, Greensboro, North Carolina
Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas
University of West Alabama, Livingston, Alabama

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 to the following institution:

South Florida Community College, Avon Park, Florida

Denied approval of membership at Level II to offer the Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has appropriately qualified faculty to teach assigned coursework in the new program.

The Commission denied approval of the following substantive changes:

Concordia College, Selma, Alabama

Denied approval to offer (1) the Bachelor of Social Work and (2) the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice 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 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence), Comprehensive Standard 3.8.1 (Learning/Information Resources), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Denied approval to offer the Bachelor of Science in Special Education because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capability to comply with the following standard as it relates to the substantive change: Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Commission placed the following institutions on Warning:

Austin Community College, Austin, Texas

For six months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.12.1 (Substantive Change) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Florida

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: Educational Programs), and Comprehensive Standard 3.3.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, Georgia

For twelve months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas

For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: Educational Programs), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Financial Aid Audits) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Lon Morris College, Jacksonville, Texas

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Core Requirement 2.10 (Student Support Services), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.11 (Academic Program Coordination), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Southwestern Christian College, Terrell, Texas

For six months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.4.4 (Acceptance of Academic Credit) and Comprehensive Standard 3.4.10 (Responsibility for Curriculum) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Texas State Technical College - Harlingen, Harlingen, Texas

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: Educational Programs), and Federal Requirement 4.4 (Program Length) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Pembroke, North Carolina

For six months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.12.1 (Substantive Change) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Commission continued the following institution on Warning:

Dabney S. Lancaster Community College, Clifton Forge, Virginia

For twelve months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: Educational Programs) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Houston Baptist University, Houston, Texas

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional Effectiveness), Core Requirement 2.12 (Quality Enhancement Plan), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.5 (Institutional Effectiveness: Community and Public Service), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan), and Comprehensive Standard 3.5.4 (Terminal Degrees of Faculty) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia

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 3.3.1.4 (Institutional Effectiveness: Research), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.5 (Institutional Effectiveness: Community/Public Service), Comprehensive

Standard 3.3.2 (Quality Enhancement Plan), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.7 (Consortial Relationships/Contractual Agreements), Comprehensive Standard 3.6.3 (Institutional Credits for a Degree), Comprehensive Standard 3.9.3 (Qualified Staff), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.11.2 (Institutional Environment), 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 3.2.9 (Faculty/Staff Appointment), 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: Educational Support Services), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.11 (Academic Program Coordination), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (College-Level Competencies), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.4 (Terminal Degree of Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence), Comprehensive Standard 3.11.1 (Control of Physical Resources), and Federal Requirement 4.1 (Student Achievement) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Savannah State University, Savannah, Georgia

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

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

Montreat College, Montreat, North Carolina

For twelve months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Resources: Financial Stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (College-Level Competencies), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

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*.

Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Virginia

For twelve 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 placed the following institution on Probation:

Our Lady of Holy Cross College, New Orleans, Louisiana

For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing Board), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.2 (Governing Board Control), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.4 (External Influence), and Comprehensive Standard 3.2.5 (Board Dismissal) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Florida Christian College, Kissimmee, Florida

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 accreditation for good cause and placed the following institutions on Probation:

Chattahoochee Valley Community College, Phenix City, Alabama

For twelve months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: Educational Programs) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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 3.2.8 (Qualified Administrative/Academic Officer), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), 3.10.4 (Control of Finances), 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) and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Ranger College, Ranger, Texas

For twelve months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1.1 (Institutional Effectiveness: Educational Programs) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.