



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

**Actions taken by the Commission on Colleges
December 8, 2008**

At its meeting on December 8, 2008, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools took the following actions regarding the accreditation status of institutions reviewed. The following 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:

Albany State University, Albany, Georgia
Anderson University, Anderson, South Carolina
Auburn University at Montgomery, Montgomery, Alabama
Bellarmine University, Louisville, Kentucky
Berry College, Mount Berry, Georgia
Bethel College, McKenzie, Tennessee
Centenary College of Louisiana, Shreveport, Louisiana
Concordia University Texas, Austin, Texas
Dallas Baptist University, Dallas, Texas
Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida
Francis Marion University, Florence, South Carolina
Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina
Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia
Hampton University, Hampton, Virginia
Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico
Lubbock Christian University, Lubbock, Texas
Marymount University, Arlington, Virginia
Memphis Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tennessee
Norfolk State University, Norfolk, Virginia
Palm Beach Atlantic University, West Palm Beach, Florida
Richmont Graduate University, Atlanta, Georgia
Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas
Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas
Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama
United States Sports Academy, Daphne, Alabama
(includes approval of an exception to CR 2.7.4)
University of Houston, Houston, Texas
University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida
University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia
University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas
University of Texas at Brownsville/Texas Southmost College, Brownsville, Texas
University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, Texas
University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas
(includes approval of an exception to CR 2.7.4)
University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Galveston, Texas
(includes approval of an exception to CR 2.7.4)
Virginia State University, Petersburg, Virginia
Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Texas

The Commission granted initial accreditation to the following institutions:

(Effective January 1, 2008)

Gateway Community and Technical College, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky (Level I)
Swainsboro Technical College, Swainsboro, Georgia (Level I)

The Commission granted initial candidacy to the following institutions:

(Effective December 8, 2008)

Altamaha Technical College, Jesup, Georgia
Ave Maria University, Ave Maria, Florida
Watkins College of Art and Design, Nashville, Tennessee

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

College of Coastal Georgia, Brunswick, Georgia
Moved from Level I to Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Early Childhood Education/Special Education, Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Middle Grades Education, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and Bachelor of Business Administration.

Palm Beach Community College, Lake Worth, Florida
Moved from Level I to Level II offering the Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management.

Piedmont College, Demorest, Georgia
Moved from Level IV to Level V offering the Ed.D. in Teaching and Learning.

Santa Fe College, Gainesville, Florida
Moved from Level I to Level II offering the Bachelor of Applied Science in Health Services Administration and in Clinical Laboratory Science.

Troy University, Troy, Alabama
Moved from Level IV to Level V offering the Doctor of Nursing Practice.

William Carey University, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
Moved from Level IV to Level V offering the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine.

Young Harris College, Young Harris, Georgia
Moved from Level I to Level II to offering the Bachelor of Arts degrees in English and in Music and the Bachelor of Science degrees in Biology, in Business, and in Public Policy.

The Commission continued the accreditation of the following institutions after review of substantive change:

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton, Georgia
Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Applied Science degree.

Amarillo College, Amarillo, Texas
Review of an off-campus site in Hereford, Texas.

Austin Community College, Austin, Texas
Review of an off-campus site, the South Austin Center.

ECPI College of Technology, Virginia Beach, Virginia
Review of off-site campuses at Columbia, South Carolina, and Raleigh, North Carolina.

Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences, Orlando, Florida
Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia degree.

Florida International University, Miami, Florida
Review of (1) the Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management degree offered in Tianjin, China and (2) the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, International Executive Masters in Business Administration, Master of Science in Human Resources Management, and the Master of Science in Engineering Management degrees offered in Kingston, Jamaica.

Florida National College, Hialeah, Florida
Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree.

Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia
 Review of the institution's Brookhaven Center and Buckhead Executive Center, Atlanta, Georgia, and its Henry Center, McDonough, Georgia.

Gordon College, Barnesville, Georgia
 Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Science in Education.

Indian River State College, Fort Pierce, Florida
 Review of membership at Level II offering the Bachelor of Applied Science and the Bachelor of Science in Education and in Nursing.

Johnston Community College, Smithfield, North Carolina
 Review of the off-site campus at the Johnston County Workforce Development Center.

Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tennessee
 Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree.

Lord Fairfax Community College, Middletown, Virginia
 Review of the following programs/sites: (1) the Career Studies Certificate in Photography, (2) the Luray Page County Center in Luray, Virginia, and (3) dual enrollment sites in Clarke County High School in Berryville, James Wood High School in Winchester, John Handley High School in Winchester, Notre Dame Academy in Middleburg, Sherando High School in Stephens City, Triplett Business and Technical Institute in Mt. Jackson, and Warren County High School in Front Royal, Virginia.

Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi
 Review of the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership.

Norfolk State University, Norfolk, Virginia
 Review of the Master of Social Work offered at the Department of Human Services Offices at Norfolk and Chesapeake, Virginia.

Northeast Texas Community College, Mt. Pleasant, Texas
 Review of an off-campus site, the Hanson-Sewell Center.

Oakwood University, Huntsville, Alabama
 Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Studies.

Reinhardt College, Waleska, Georgia
 Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Business Administration.

South College, Knoxville, Tennessee
 Review of membership at Level III offering the Master of Health Science in Physician Assistant.

Spartanburg Community College, Spartanburg, South Carolina
 Review of the Cherokee County Campus in Gaffney, South Carolina, and the Tyger River Campus in Duncan, South Carolina.

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas
 Review of the Master of Business Administration degree offered in Houston, Texas.

University of Texas at Brownsville/Texas Southmost College, Brownsville, Texas
 Review of membership at Level V offering the Doctor of Education.

Wake Technical Community College, Raleigh, North Carolina
 Review of the Northern Wake Campus in Raleigh and the Western Wake Campus in Cary, North Carolina.

The Commission approved the consolidation/merger of the following institutions:

Coosa Valley Technical College, Rome, Georgia
 The consolidation of Coosa Valley Technical College and Northwestern Technical College.

West Central Technical College, Waco, Georgia
 The consolidation of West Central Technical College and West Georgia Technical College.

The Commission accepted the prospectus for merger/consolidation of the following institutions:

Chattahoochee Technical College, Marietta, Georgia
 Acceptance of the prospectus for the consolidation/merger of Chattahoochee Technical College, Appalachian Technical College, and North Metro Technical College.

The Commission removed the following institutions from Warning:

Hinds Community College, Raymond, Mississippi
Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama

The Commission removed the following institutions from Probation:

Bishop State Community College, Mobile, Alabama
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, 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 to the following institutions:

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida
Denied approval to move from Level III to Level V to offer the Doctor of Philosophy in Aviation and in Engineering Physics for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.3 (Admissions Policies), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.5 (Academic Policies), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.6 (Practices for Awarding Credit), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina
Denied approval to move from Level II to Level V to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy degree for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Core Requirement 2.9 (Learning Resources and Services), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), and Comprehensive Standard 3.4.1. (Academic Program Approval) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Commission denied approval of substantive change for the following institutions:

Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, North Carolina
Denied approval of the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources) and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, North Carolina
Denied approval of a change of control/governance for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing Board), Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.1 (CEO Evaluation/Selection), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.4 (External Influence), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.5 (Board Dismissal), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.11.1 (Control of Physical Resources), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Commission placed the following institutions on Warning:

Eastfield College, Mesquite, Texas
For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty) of the *Principles of Accreditation*

South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, South Carolina
For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.2 (Governing Board), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.6 (Board/Administration Distinction), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.11 (Control of Intercollegiate Athletics), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.12 (Fund-Raising Activities), and Comprehensive Standard 3.4.10 (Responsibility for Curriculum) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Warner University, Lake Wales, Florida
For six months for failure to comply with Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Commission continued the following institution on Warning:

Miami International University of Art & Design, Miami, Florida
For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty) and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Columbia International University, Columbia, South Carolina
For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Core Requirement 2.12 (Quality Enhancement Plan), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.8 (Qualified Administrative/Academic Officers), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.7 (Consortia Relationships/Contractual Agreements), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

King College, Bristol, Tennessee
For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Core Requirement 2.9 (Learning Resources and Services), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (College-Level Competencies), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.2 (Faculty Evaluation), Comprehensive Standard 3.8.3 (Qualified Staff), Comprehensive Standard 3.9.3 (Qualified Staff) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana
For twelve months failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional Effectiveness), Core Requirement 2.12 (Quality Enhancement Plan), Core Requirement 2.7.1 (Program Length), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.3 (Board Conflict of Interest), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.5 (Board Dismissal), Comprehensive Standard 3.2.14 (Intellectual Property Rights), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.4.5 (Academic Policies), Comprehensive Standard 3.6.4 (Post-Baccalaureate Program Requirements), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence), Comprehensive Standard 3.9.1 (Student Rights), Comprehensive Standard 3.9.2 (Student Records) and Federal Requirement 4.5 (Student Complaints) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Georgia
For twelve months failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Core Requirement 2.12 (Quality Enhancement Plan), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Commission placed the following institutions on Probation:

Alabama A & M University, Normal, Alabama

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 (Financial Aid Audits), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Webber International University, Babson Park, Florida

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 3.11.3 (Physical Facilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The Commission continued the following institutions on Probation:

Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas

For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.8.1 (Learning/Information Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.8.3 (Qualified Staff), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.2 (Submission of Financial Statements), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.3 (Financial Aid Audits), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.4 (Control of Finances), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.5 (Control of Sponsored Research/External Funds), Comprehensive Standard 3.11.3 (Physical Facilities), and Federal Requirement 4.7 (Title IV Program Responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Virginia

For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.5 (Institutional Effectiveness), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.3.1 (Institutional Effectiveness), Comprehensive Standard 3.5.4 (Terminal Degrees of Faculty), Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability), and Comprehensive Standard 3.7.1 (Faculty Competence) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

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

Fundacion Universidad de las Americas Puebla, Puebla, Mexico

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*.

Louisburg College, Louisburg, North Carolina

For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 2.8 (Faculty), Core Requirement 2.11.1 (Financial Resources), Comprehensive Standard 3.7.3 (Faculty Development), and Comprehensive Standard 3.10.1 (Financial Stability) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

The following institution voluntarily withdrew as an accredited institution with the Commission on Colleges: (Effective December 31, 2008)

Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina