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**PROGRAM SCHEDULE | DAY 1**

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*Presenter — Ron Kroll, Director — ABHE Commission on Accreditation*

- Standard 1: Mission, Goals, and Objectives
- Standard 2: Assessment & Planning

**11:15 – 11:30** Refreshment Break

**11:30 – 1:00** SESSION 2

*Presenters — Ron Kroll & Shane Wood, Associate Director — ABHE Commission on Accreditation*

- Standard 4: Authority and Governance — Ron Kroll
- Standard 5: Administration — Shane Wood

**1:00 – 2:00** Lunch Break

**2:00 – 3:30** SESSION 3

*Presenter — Shane Wood*

- Standard 6: Resources

**3:30 – 3:45** Refreshment Break

**3:45 – 5:15** SESSION 4

*Presenters — Shane Wood & Sandi Peppard, Associate Dean of Students — Johnson University Florida*

- Standard 3: Institutional Integrity — Shane Wood
- Standard 7: Enrollment Management — Sandi Peppard
PROGRAM SCHEDULE | DAY 2

TUESDAY, MAY 19

9:30 – 9:45 Discoveries from Monday, self-assessment questions and follow-up

9:45 – 11:15 SESSION 5
Presenters — Michael Jackson, VP/Academic Affairs/Academic Dean — Heritage Christian Univ. & Sandi Peppard
▶ Standard 8: Student Services – Sandi Peppard
▶ Standard 9: Faculty – Michael Jackson

11:15 – 11:30 Refreshment Break

11:30 – 1:00 SESSION 6
Presenter — Michael Jackson
▶ Standard 10: Library and Other Learning Resources
▶ Standard 11: Academic Programs

1:00 – 1:15 A Word from our Sponsor: Weave

1:15 – 2:15 Lunch Break

2:15 – 3:45 SESSION 7
Presenter — Michael Jackson
▶ Standard 11: Academic Programs (continued)

3:45 – 4:00 Refreshment Break

4:00 – 5:00 SESSION 8
Presenter — Ron Kroll
New Applicant Orientation

Note: Participants are urged to complete a self-assessment of their institution’s current status in satisfying the Standards on their own time.

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