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Bethesda University
730 N Euclid Street
Anaheim, CA 92801

(Previous Names: Bethesda University of California 2010-2013,
 Bethesda California University 2009-2010, Bethesda Christian University 1976-2009)

STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION:

The programs of Bethesda University listed below are accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation (COA). The last comprehensive review of accredited programs was conducted by the COA in February 2016. The next comprehensive team visit will be conducted in the spring of 2025, followed by a COA review for reaffirmation of accreditation in February 2026. Current accreditation status expires February 28, 2026.

Programmatic accreditation is granted to individual programs on the basis that the accredited program evidences substantial compliance with ABHE's Programmatic Accreditation Standards, including documentation of the appropriateness, rigor, and achievement of the stated student learning outcomes. In the COA's judgment, the accredited programs had no significant deficiencies in satisfying the Programmatic Accreditation Standards or the related Essential Elements within the Standards. The institution's programs are currently in good standing with the ABHE Commission on Accreditation, and no sanctions (warning, probation, show cause why accreditation should be continued) are in effect.

SANCTIONS:

NONE

ACCREDITATION TYPE	Programmatic
APPLICANT STATUS GRANTED	1993
CANDIDATE STATUS GRANTED	1997
INITIAL ACCREDITATION GRANTED	2001
LAST REAFFIRMATION	2016
NEXT COMMISSION REVIEW	2026

The Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation is a national faith-related accrediting organization and is recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE) and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). The ABHE Commission on Accreditation is an

institutional and programmatic accreditor. Institutions that are institutionally accredited have been examined as a whole. Institutions that are programmatically accredited have specific programs that have been reviewed in light of ABHE standards. This statement of accreditation information is the Commission's official statement of an institution's accredited status.

ACCREDITATION DECISIONS:

DATE	ACTION
	No actions taken

Includes the following: applicant status, candidate status, initial accreditation, reaffirmation of accreditation, sanction, substantive change approval - last 5 years. Please see the "Policy on Communication of Accreditation Decisions" in the COA Manual.

APPROVED DELIVERY METHODS:

TYPE:	APPROVAL:
Distance Education	The institution is authorized to offer up to 100% of an academic program via distance education (online).
Correspondence Education	The institution is authorized to offer up to 49% of an academic program via correspondence education.
Competency-Based Education	The institution is authorized to offer up to 49% of an academic program via competency-based education by the course/credit approach or direct assessment.

Please see the "Policy on Alternative Academic Patterns" in the COA Manual.

APPROVED OFF-CAMPUS LOCATIONS:

TYPE	ADDRESS
NONE	

*A **branch campus** is an additional location of an institution that is geographically apart and independent of the main campus of the institution and (1) is permanent in nature;(2) offers courses in educational programs leading to a degree, certificate, or other recognized educational credential;(3) has its own faculty and administrative or supervisory organization; and (4) has its own budgetary and hiring authority. An **additional location** is a facility that is geographically apart from the main campus of the institution and at which the institution offers at least 50% of a program through classroom courses, hybrid courses, or a combination of both. An additional location may qualify as a branch campus and be subject to requirements pertaining to branch campuses. An **extension site** is an off-campus location where less than 50% of a degree program may be earned by classroom courses, hybrid courses, or a combination of both.*

APPROVED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:

DEGREE/DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE	PROGRAM (MAJOR/CONCENTRATION)
Bachelor of Arts	Religion (Biblical Studies)
Bachelor of Arts	Religion (Christian Education)
Bachelor of Arts	Religion (Missions)
Bachelor of Arts	Religion (Pastoral Ministry)
Master of Arts	Biblical Studies
Master of Divinity	
Doctor of Ministry	

A program is a primary focused area of study in an academic degree or certificate usually comprised of 24 or more credit hours in a single discipline or subject area (typically called a major in undergraduate programs or a concentration in graduate programs). Programs must be approved by the COA in accordance with the Policy on Substantive Change. Institutions are authorized to offer certificates or subprograms of less than 24 credit hours without special permission from the Commission on Accreditation. Such programs are not recorded on the Accreditation Fact Sheet.

PUBLIC OUTCOMES STATEMENTS:

TYPE	LINK
Graduation and Retention Rates	https://www.buc.edu/bppe-publications

For the COA Manual and other relevant documents please visit:
<https://www.abhe.org/accreditation/accreditation-documents/>