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Clarks Summit University
538 Venard Road
Clarks Summit, PA 18411

(Previous Names: Summit University 2015-2016,
 Baptist Bible College, Graduate School and Seminary 1932-2015)

STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION:

Clarks Summit University is accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation (COA). The institution was last reviewed 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. The institution's current status expires February 28, 2026.

The institution was granted reaffirmation of accreditation at its last COA review on the basis that it evidences substantial compliance with ABHE's Institutional Accreditation Standards, including documentation of the appropriateness, rigor, and achievement of its stated student learning outcomes and all other Title IV eligibility requirements. In the COA's judgment, the institution had no significant deficiencies in satisfying the Institutional Accreditation Standards or the related Essential Elements within the Standards. The institution is 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.

Institutional accreditation applies to the institution as a whole and includes all educational programs offered by the institution.

SANCTIONS:

NONE

ACCREDITATION TYPE	Institutional
INITIAL ACCREDITATION GRANTED	1968
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 (online)	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)
Associate of Arts	Addictions Counseling
Associate of Arts	Bible and Theology
Associate of Arts	Business Administration
Associate of Arts	Christian Ministries
Associate of Arts	Counseling Ministries
Associate of Arts	Early Childhood Education
Associate of Arts	General Education
Associate of Arts	Integrated Studies

Bachelor of Arts	Communications
Bachelor of Arts	Interdisciplinary Studies
Bachelor of Arts	Literature
Bachelor of Music in Music Education	PreK-12 Music Education
Bachelor of Sacred Music	Worship Studies
Bachelor of Science	Addictions Counseling
Bachelor of Science	Bible and Theology
Bachelor of Science	Biology
Bachelor of Science	Business Administration
Bachelor of Science	Camping Ministries
Bachelor of Science	Christian Ministries
Bachelor of Science	Counseling Ministries
Bachelor of Science	Criminal Justice
Bachelor of Science	Degree Completion
Bachelor of Science	Education Ministries
Bachelor of Science	Health and Physical Education
Bachelor of Science	Integrated Studies
Bachelor of Science	Intercultural Studies
Bachelor of Science	Intercultural Youth Ministries
Bachelor of Science	Mathematics
Bachelor of Science	Outreach Ministries
Bachelor of Science	Pastoral Ministries
Bachelor of Science	Sports and Health Science – Pre-Athletic Training
Bachelor of Science	Sports and Health Science – Pre-Physical Therapy
Bachelor of Science	Sports and Recreational Ministries
Bachelor of Science	Youth Pastor
Master of Arts	Biblical Apologetics
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration	Accounting
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration	Business Administration
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration	Entrepreneurship
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration	Sports Management
Bachelor of Science in Counseling	Counseling
Bachelor of Science in Counseling	Accelerated Counseling
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice	Criminal Justice
Bachelor of Science in Education	Early Childhood and Elementary Education PreK-4
Bachelor of Science in Education	PreK-12 Health and Physical Education
Bachelor of Science in Education	Secondary Education-English
Bachelor of Science in Education	Secondary Education-Math
Bachelor of Science in Education	Secondary Education-Social Studies
Master of Arts	Biblical Languages
Master of Arts	Biblical Studies
Master of Arts	Church Planting and Renewal
Master of Arts	Counseling
Master of Arts	Integrated Studies

Master of Arts	Literature
Master of Arts	New Testament Studies
Master of Arts	Old Testament Studies
Master of Arts	Organizational Leadership
Master of Arts	Theological Studies
Master of Arts in Literature	Literature
Master of Divinity	Ministry
Master of Divinity	Pastoral
Master of Education	Curriculum Instruction
Master of Education	Educational Administration
Master of Ministry	Ministry
Master of Ministry	Pastoral
Master of Science in Counseling	Counseling
Master of Theology	
Doctor of Ministry	Bible Exposition
Doctor of Ministry	Ministry
Doctor of Ministry	Pastoral
Doctor of Philosophy	Bible Exposition
Doctor of Philosophy	Old Testament
Doctor of Philosophy	New Testament
Doctor of Philosophy	Systematic Theology

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
Employment, Graduation and Retention Rates	https://www.clarkssummitu.edu/about/consumer-information/

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