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Saint Photios Orthodox Theological Seminary
510 Collier Way
Etna, CA 96027

STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION:

Saint Photios Orthodox Theological Seminary is accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation (COA). The institution was last reviewed by the COA in February 2021. 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 initial 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
APPLICANT STATUS GRANTED	2016
CANDIDATE STATUS GRANTED	2019
INITIAL ACCREDITATION GRANTED	2021
LAST COMMISSION REVIEW	2021
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
February 2021	Granted initial accreditation
February 2019	Granted candidate status

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 49% 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 Theology	
Master of Theological Studies	

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, Job Placement and License Passage Rates, Salary and Wage Information	https://www.spots.school/licensure/index.html

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