

Revised on December 21, 2021

America Evangelical University
1204 W. 163rd Street
Gardena, CA 90247

STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION:

America Evangelical University 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 institution will be reviewed again by the COA in February 2022. The institution's current status expires February 28, 2022, unless the COA takes other action before that date.

The institution was granted initial accreditation in February 2015 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 under a warning due to weaknesses in satisfying the Standards/Essential Elements noted in the Sanctions section below but retains its accredited status at the present time.

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

SANCTIONS:

America Evangelical University (CA)

The ABHE Commission on Accreditation has placed America Evangelical University on warning for one year for weakness in meeting the following ABHE Institutional Accreditation Standards:

- Standard 2: EE 1, 2 (documentation of evidence validating, as a result of using the outcomes assessment plan, that students are achieving the stated outcomes relative to institutional goals, program-specific objectives and course objectives)
- Standard 3: EE 5, 7 (documentation of honest, open, and timely communication related to compliance with agencies such as accrediting, licensing, and governing bodies regarding submission of reports and requested documentation, and communication with COA; documentation demonstrating evidence of integrity in financial matters with respect to ownership and missional use of property)

- Standard 6b: EE 8 (evidence documenting a budget process that is informed by institutional planning)

The institution will be reviewed again at the February 2022 Commission on Accreditation meeting to assess whether or not the weaknesses have been resolved.

[Link to Action Letter](#)

The Meaning of Warning for an Accredited Institution

Warning is a negative, public action indicating that the Commission on Accreditation (COA) has determined that an institution is in substantial compliance with ABHE standards, but meets one or more standards with sufficient weakness that, if the current trend is not altered, the institution is in jeopardy of being found out of compliance with a standard in the near future and placed on probation. The institution retains accredited status with ABHE during a period of warning, and will be subject to periodic monitoring, which may include progress reports and/or focused visits by COA staff or evaluation teams. If weaknesses are not resolved within the time specified (usually one year), the COA may (1) extend the warning for a second year, (2) place the institution on probation, (3) order the institution to show cause why its accredited status should be continued, or (4) withdraw accredited status.

Warning is rarely extended beyond two years. Rather, an institution that fails to strengthen specified weaknesses by a stated COA deadline is placed on probation. Warning is not an appealable action.

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| ACCREDITATION TYPE | Institutional |
| APPLICANT STATUS GRANTED | 2008 |
| CANDIDATE STATUS GRANTED | 2012 |
| INITIAL ACCREDITATION GRANTED | 2015 |
| LAST COMMISSION REVIEW | 2021 |
| NEXT COMMISSION REVIEW | 2022 |

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 |
|---------------|--|
| May 2021 | Approve substantive change to relocate main campus from 1818 S. Western Ave. #300, Los Angeles, CA 90006 |
| February 2021 | Placed on warning |
| June 2020 | Approved substantive change to offer Doctor of Philosophy in Organizational and Global Leadership |
| June 2020 | Approved substantive change to offer Associate of Arts and Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science |
| February 2020 | Approved substantive change to initiate Associate of Arts in Ministry Leadership |
| February 2019 | Approved substantive change to initiate additional location at 12741 Main Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840 |
| November 2016 | Approved substantive change to implement Master of Science in Computer Information Systems and Master of Science in Computer Science |
| February 2016 | Approved substantive change to offer Doctor of Christian Counseling |

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: |
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| 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 |
|---------------------|---|
| Additional Location | 12741 Main Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840 |
| Extension Site | 1818 S. Western Ave., #300, #407, Los Angeles, CA 90006 |

*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 | Computer Science |
| Associate of Arts | Ministry Leadership |
| Bachelor of Arts | Business Administration |
| Bachelor of Arts | Computer Science |

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| Bachelor of Arts | Ministry Leadership |
| Bachelor of Science | Nursing |
| Master of Arts | Counseling with Marriage and Family Therapy |
| Master of Arts | Ministry Leadership |
| Master of Arts | Organizational Leadership |
| Master of Business Administration | |
| Master of Divinity | |
| Master of Science | Computer Information Systems |
| Master of Science | Computer Science |
| Doctor of Counseling | Marriage and Family Therapy |
| Doctor of Ministry | |
| Doctor of Philosophy | Organizational and Global Leadership |

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 Placement Rates | http://msdonline.org/Report/AEU_2017_School_Performance_Fact_Sheet.pdf |

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