INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

Place on Warning

Kansas Christian College (Overland Park, KS) until February 2023

The ABHE Commission on Accreditation has placed Kansas Christian College on warning for one year for weakness in meeting the following ABHE Institutional Accreditation Standards:

- Standard 2: EE 8; Condition of Eligibility 8; Policy on Outcomes (demonstrate with evidence the ongoing provision of outcomes data for the public regarding institutional performance and student achievement, including graduation rates and employment rates in program-related occupations);
- Standard 3: EE 5, 6, 7; Standard 7c: EE 2 (demonstrate with evidence the institution can consistently fulfill its obligations to its various regulatory agencies and communicate accurately to them, especially as it relates to Federal Financial Aid participation);
- Standard 4: EE 2 (demonstrate with evidence that the institution is authorized to award the credentials that it offers in all of the jurisdictions in which it operates);
- Standard 6a: EE 1, 3; Standard 6b: EE3; COE 18 (demonstrate with evidence that the institution has the administrative and financial capacity to achieve its mission and goals in light of its administrative turnover and enrollment growth);
- Standard 6b: E 1, 2, 6 (demonstrate with evidence that the institution has financial stability through sufficient financial reserves and the implementation of a budgeting process that serves as an effective instrument for financial planning, including financial projections);
- Standard 7c: EE 2 (demonstrate with evidence that financial aid practices meet regulatory and reporting requirements, including resolution of concerns raised in the 2020 audit);
- Standard 10: EE 3, 8, 9 (demonstrate with evidence that the collection of learning resources is sufficiently funded, appropriate to the curriculum, and securely maintained);
- Standard 11b: EE 2; Standard 11d: EE 1; Condition of Eligibility 14 (demonstrate with evidence that a culture of ministry formation is integral to the overall experience of the student’s education in all degree programs, and that there is a required ministry formation program for online students which is consistent with its on-campus program).

A progress report, due November 15, 2022, is required documenting the institution’s efforts at addressing these issues. Institutional representatives are expected to meet with the Commission in February 2023 before the Commission makes a decision on subsequent action. The institution retains its accredited status with the Commission on Accreditation while on warning.

Action Letter
Providence University College and Theological Seminary (Otterburne, MB) until February 2023

The ABHE Commission on Accreditation has placed Providence University College and Theological Seminary on warning for one year for weakness in meeting the following ABHE Institutional Accreditation Standards:

- Standard 2: EE 1, 5, 7 (demonstrate with evidence the creation and implementation of an institutional assessment plan);
- Standard 2: EE 4, 6 (demonstrate with evidence at least one cycle of assessment in at least one undergraduate program and one graduate program completed within the last year);
- Standard 2: EE 8, COE 8 (demonstrate with evidence the provision of reliable information to the public regarding student achievement, including graduation and employment rates).

A progress report, due November 15, 2022, is required documenting the institution’s efforts at addressing these issues. Institutional representatives are expected to meet with the Commission in February 2023 before the Commission makes a decision on subsequent action. The institution retains its accredited status with the Commission on Accreditation while on warning.

Action Letter

The Meaning of Warning

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 or candidate 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 accreditation or candidate status should be continued, or (4) withdraw accreditation or candidate 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.