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Ascent College
1705 Todds Lane
Hampton, VA 23666

(Previous Names: Antioch College of the Assemblies of God 2020-2021, Bethel College 2004-2020)

STATEMENT OF ACCREDITATION:

Ascent College is accredited by the Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation (COA). The institution was last reviewed by the COA in February 2018. The next comprehensive team visit will be conducted in the spring of 2027, followed by a COA review for reaffirmation of accreditation in February 2028. The institution's current status expires February 28, 2028.

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
APPLICANT STATUS GRANTED	2005
CANDIDATE STATUS GRANTED	2009
INITIAL ACCREDITATION GRANTED	2013
LAST REAFFIRMATION	2018
NEXT COMMISSION REVIEW	2028

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 2018	Granted reaffirmation of accreditation

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
Extension Site	301 South Newtown Road, Norfolk, VA 23502

*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)
Diploma	Ministry Leadership
Associate of Science	Ministry Leadership
Bachelor of Arts	Ministry Leadership/Biblical Studies
Bachelor of Arts	Ministry Leadership/Children's Ministry Leadership
Bachelor of Arts	Ministry Leadership/Christian Counseling with a Focus in Pastoral Ministry

Bachelor of Arts	Ministry Leadership/Christian Counseling with a Focus in Psychology
Bachelor of Arts	Ministry Leadership/Intercultural Studies
Bachelor of Arts	Ministry Leadership/Ministerial Leadership
Bachelor of Arts	Ministry Leadership/Worship Leadership
Bachelor of Arts	Ministry Leadership/Youth Ministry 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, Placement and Retention Rates, Student Satisfaction	https://ascent.edu/outcome-statement/

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