

## Programmatic Accreditation

### Conditions of Eligibility

*To be considered for programmatic accreditation, an institution must fulfill the requirements stated in the Policy and Procedures for Programmatic Accreditation and satisfy the following Conditions of Eligibility for all programs to be accredited. Accredited programs must satisfy Conditions of Eligibility at reaffirmation.*

1. **Tenets of Faith.** The institution's board of control must affirm agreement with and commitment to the ABHE Tenets of Faith as evidenced by a copy of the ABHE Tenets of Faith signed annually by the chief executive officer of the institution.
2. **Nonprofit status.** The institution must document that it is a nonprofit organization or the nonprofit subsidiary of a parent organization.
3. **Institutional accreditation.** In the U.S., the institution must hold institutional accreditation with a USDE- and/or CHEA-recognized agency. In Canada, the institution must document appropriate governmental approval, prior institutional accreditation with ABHE, or a formal affiliation with a recognized Canadian university.
4. **Program(s) of study.** Program focus must be biblical/theological- and/or ministry-related.
5. **Institutional mission.** Program outcomes support fulfillment of institutional mission.
6. **Catalog.** The institution must make available to students and the public a current and accurate catalog that includes the following information: institutional mission, board roster, admissions standards and policies, a nondiscrimination statement, academic program requirements, course offerings with course descriptions, faculty roster with faculty degrees, a description of learning and educational resources, notification of rules for student conduct, fees and other charges, refund policies, a policy defining satisfactory academic progress, and other items related to attendance, transfer, or withdrawal from the institution. The type of accreditation held with ABHE and the specific programs accredited must be included wherever ABHE accreditation is cited.
7. **Student achievement and public accountability.** The institution must make program graduation rates and employment rates in program-related occupations available to the public. Any claims regarding educational effectiveness must be supported by appropriate data.
8. **Learning resources.** The institution must ensure access to library and learning resources necessary to support courses, programs, and degrees in all instructional modalities and languages of instruction.

9. **Biblical/theological studies.** Programs must meet the minimum requirement for biblical/theological studies as specified in the Programmatic Accreditation Standards.
10. **Ministry formation.** Programs must require all students to participate in academic or co-curricular preparation to be effective witnesses, servants, and workers in the church and the world.
11. **Student body.** Programs must demonstrate sustained and viable student enrollment for the past two years.
12. **Admissions policies.** Program admission policies must be compatible with the stated institutional mission.
13. **Program resources.** The institution must allocate sufficient institutional resources to support program effectiveness.
14. **Agency disclosure.** The institution must agree to disclose any and all such information as the Commission may require to carry out its evaluation and accreditation functions.
15. **Compliance.** The institution must commit itself to comply with the Commission's Programmatic Accreditation Standards, either current or as hereafter modified, during the period of its affiliation.
16. **Public disclosure.** The institution must attest in writing that it understands and agrees that the Commission may, at its discretion, make known to any agency or member of the public the nature of any action, positive or negative, regarding the accreditation status of its programs.
17. **Arbitration.** The institution must agree in writing to submit any dispute involving the final denial, withdrawal, or termination of accreditation to initial arbitration prior to any other legal action.

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