

Summary of Negative Actions: June 19, 2024

INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

Continue on Warning

Providence University College and Theological Seminary (Otterburne, MB) until February 2025

The ABHE Commission on Accreditation has continued Providence University College and Theological Seminary (MB) on warning in light of the Commission on Accreditation's judgment that the institution marginally complies with the following ABHE Institutional Accreditation Standards:

- Standard 5: EE 2 (demonstrate financial stability, including adequate revenue streams to realize institutional mission and sufficient financial reserves to enable effective response to unforeseen financial circumstances and enrollment fluctuations).
- Standard 5: EE 3 (demonstrate with evidence a budgeting process that serves as an effective instrument of financial oversight and planning).
- Standard 5: EE 5 (demonstrate with evidence adequate institutional resources, including financial resources to support the institution's mission, achieve educational goals and ensure a continuity of offerings).

A progress report is required, due November 15, 2024, documenting the institution's efforts to address these issues. The institution retains its accredited status with the Commission on Accreditation while on warning.

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PROGRAMMATIC ACCREDITATION

Place on Warning

Bethesda University (Anaheim, CA) until February 2025

The ABHE Commission on Accreditation has placed Bethesda University (CA) on warning in light of the Commission on Accreditation's judgment that the institution marginally complies with the following ABHE Programmatic Accreditation Standards:

- Programmatic Standard 1: EE 1, 2 (integrity in operations and fulfillment of applicable Commission requirements)
- Programmatic Standard 2: EE 5, Policy on Outcomes (provision of reliable information to the public regarding accredited program outcomes as noted in the Website Outcomes Report)

A progress report is required, due September 15, 2024, documenting the institution's efforts to address these issues. The institution retains its programmatic accredited status with the Commission on Accreditation while on warning.

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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.