



COMMISSION'S STATEMENT OF ACCREDITED STATUS

Kairos University
2100 South Summit Avenue
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Kairos University has been accredited by the Commission on Accrediting (COA) of The Association of Theological Schools since 1968. The school's accreditation was last reaffirmed in winter 2020, based on an institutional self-study report and an onsite evaluation visit by a committee of peer and public reviewers. The school's current period of accreditation expires March 31, 2030.

The school's current status of *Accredited in Good Standing* means the school meets all applicable COA Standards of Accreditation. The school demonstrates educational quality and financial stability and provides evidence that its student learning outcomes are appropriate, rigorous, and being achieved. The school has no public sanctions (i.e., warning, probation, or show cause).

The school is approved to offer the following degree(s): MDiv, MA, MA in Counseling, MA in Leadership, MA in Marriage and Family Therapy, DMin, Doctor of Professional Counseling, PhD, ThD

The school is approved to offer distance (online) education at the following level: Comprehensive (Half or More of a Degree)

The school is not approved to offer half or more of a degree at any additional location(s).

In June 2022, the Board of Commissioners (BOC) approved the school (reaffirming the BOC's action taken in June 2021) to offer the reduced-residency ThD program beginning in fall 2022 as an ongoing exception, based on the effectiveness of Evangelical Theological Seminary's four-year experiment (see Standard 5.15 and *Policies and Procedures*, IV.G.1), since Evangelical is now part of Kairos. Also in June 2022, the BOC approved the Doctor of Philosophy (see Standards 5.11-16) degree program as an ongoing exception with reduced residency (the same as the school's already approved ThD program). In February 2024, the BOC approved an educational experiment to offer the seminary's ThD and PhD programs with no residency requirement, utilizing videoconferencing to replace in-person residency intensives.

The Commission on Accrediting (COA) of The Association of Theological Schools accredits more than 250 graduate schools of theology and seminaries in the United States and Canada. The COA has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education since 1952 as an accreditor of freestanding, single-purpose institutions and of specialized programs at larger institutions offering post-baccalaureate degrees in professional and academic theological education. The COA is also recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation as a national faith-related accrediting organization that accredits free-standing seminaries and academic units of larger institutions in the United States and Canada that offer post-baccalaureate degrees in professional and academic theological education.