

## COMMISSION'S STATEMENT OF ACCREDITED STATUS

**Evangelical Theological Seminary  
121 South College Street  
Myerstown, PA 17067**

Evangelical Theological Seminary has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation (COA) of The Association of Theological Schools since 1987. The school's accreditation was last reaffirmed in February 2012, based on an institutional self-study report and an onsite evaluation visit by a committee of peer and public reviewers.

In January 2020, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the school's request for a change in ownership and governing control, to extend the seminary's period of accreditation (until June 30, 2022), and to waive the school's comprehensive visit scheduled for fall 2021, thereby resulting in the seminary's withdrawal from accredited membership in the ATS Commission on Accrediting, effective June 30, 2022. After that date, Evangelical students will become students of Kairos University (formerly known as Sioux Falls Seminary), with which the school is in the process of merging and which offers equivalent degree programs accredited by the ATS Commission on Accrediting.

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 (notation/warning, probation, or show cause).

The school is approved to offer the following degree(s): MA (Bible), MA (Religion), MA in Leadership Development, MA in Marriage and Family Therapy, MA in Ministry, MA in Spiritual Formation and Direction, MDiv, ThD

The school is approved for comprehensive distance (online) education: Yes

The school is approved for the following additional location(s):  
Harrisburg, PA

In February 2018, the Board of Commissioners approved a four-year experiment, thereby allowing the school to offer its ThD degree through a combination of intensive courses on campus and faculty-directed individual instruction.

*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.*