



The Commission on Accrediting  
The Association of Theological Schools

## COMMISSION'S STATEMENT OF ACCREDITED STATUS

**Houston Graduate School of Theology  
4300-C West Bellfort  
Houston, TX 77035**

Houston Graduate School of Theology has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation (COA) of The Association of Theological Schools since 1997. The school's accreditation was last reaffirmed in June 2017, based on an institutional self-study report and an onsite evaluation visit by a committee of peer and public reviewers.

In February 2021, the Board of Commissioners voted to acknowledge the school's voluntary withdrawal from accredited membership effective June 30, 2023, as well as to approve the school's teach-out plan (*Policies and Procedures*, III.L.2) and to rescind the school's comprehensive visit in spring 2022. Dissolving as a legal entity on June 30, 2023, Houston Graduate School of Theology will remain known as such throughout its two-year teach-out process, during which the school 1) will be governed and managed by Kairos University, formerly known as Sioux Falls Seminary, and 2) will continue to administrate Title IV funds.

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): DMin, Doctor of Professional Counseling, MA in Christian Ministry, MA in Counseling, MA in Missional Leadership (discontinued), MA in Spiritual Direction (discontinued), MDiv, MTS

The school is approved for comprehensive distance (online) education: No

The school is approved for the following additional location(s): None

*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.*