



The Commission on Accrediting  
The Association of Theological Schools

## COMMISSION'S STATEMENT OF ACCREDITED STATUS

**Kearley Graduate School of Theology of Faulkner University  
5345 Atlanta Highway  
Montgomery, AL 36109**

Kearley Graduate School of Theology of Faulkner University has been accredited by the Commission on Accrediting (COA) of The Association of Theological Schools since 2018. The school's accreditation was initially granted in summer 2018, 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 July 31, 2025.

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): MA in Biblical Studies, MA in Family Life Ministry, ThM, PhD (Biblical Studies)

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 2018, the Board of Commissioners approved a four-year experimental Doctor of Philosophy (Biblical Studies) degree, permitting the degree program to be completed in a synchronous distance education format. In February 2022, the Board voted to grant an ongoing exception to the PhD residency requirement (Standard 5.15), allowing the coursework in the PhD program to be offered through synchronous online delivery.

*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.*