



The Commission on Accrediting
The Association of Theological Schools

COMMISSION'S STATEMENT OF ACCREDITED STATUS

Lancaster Theological Seminary
555 West James Street
Lancaster, PA 17603-2897

Lancaster Theological Seminary has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation (COA) of The Association of Theological Schools since 1938. The school's accreditation was last reaffirmed in June 2014, based on an institutional self-study report and an onsite evaluation visit by a committee of peer and public reviewers. The school's next comprehensive evaluation visit will be in spring 2024, followed by a COA review for reaffirmation of accreditation in June 2024. The school's current period of accreditation expires July 31, 2024.

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, MA (Religion), MA in Ministry and Leadership, MDiv

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

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

The Board of Commissioners has approved Lancaster Theological Seminary's request for a change in ownership and governing control, whereby management and control will transfer to Moravian University (anticipated: July 30, 2021) while the seminary continues as a degree-granting entity until late 2022 (or early 2023). The Board required a follow-up report by September 1, 2021, and authorized a focused visit within six months (i.e., anticipated by January 2022) of this change in ownership and governing control, per *Policies and Procedures*, IV.C.

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.