



## COMMISSION'S STATEMENT OF ACCREDITED STATUS

**Loyola University Chicago Institute of Pastoral Studies  
820 N. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60611**

Loyola University Chicago Institute of Pastoral Studies has been accredited by the Commission on Accrediting (COA) of The Association of Theological Schools since 2000. The school's accreditation was last reaffirmed in summer 2019, 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, 2026.

The school's current status of *Accredited on Warning* means the school substantially meets the COA Standards of Accreditation but is at risk of not meeting one or more standard(s), specifically those dealing with the following issue(s): Educational Evaluation. The school must demonstrate within two years (i.e., by February 2027) that it fully meets all standards or the Board will place the school on probation.

The school is approved to offer the following degree(s): MDiv, MA in Christian Spirituality, MA in Counseling for Ministry, MA in Pastoral Counseling, MA in Pastoral Studies, MA in Social Justice

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).

The Board of Commissioners voted in February 2025 to issue a warning for 24 months (to February 2027) as the school is at risk of not meeting Standards 2.6-7 on Educational Evaluation. See the action letter at: <https://tinyurl.com/yna4n26j>

*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.*