

THECB-recognized Accreditors

The Coordinating Board recognizes accrediting agencies with a demonstrated commitment to academic quality and student achievement. These accrediting agencies have been approved through an application process. THECB-recognized accreditors require institutions to meet standards or criteria comparable to the Coordinating Board's Standards for Operation of Institutions.

[THECB Rule 7.6](#) provides criteria for accrediting agencies to be recognized and accredit institutions in Texas.

REGIONAL ACCREDITING AGENCIES

- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges
 - Abbreviation: SACSCOC
 - Website: <http://www.sacscoc.org/>
- Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges
 - Abbreviation: ACCJC-WASC
 - Website: <https://accjc.org/>
- WASC Senior College and University Commission
 - Abbreviation: WASC-SCUC
 - Website: <https://www.wscuc.org/>
- Middle States Commission on Higher Education
 - Abbreviation: MSCHE
 - Website: <http://www.msche.org/>
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education
 - Abbreviation: NEASC-CIHE
 - Website: <http://cihe.neasc.org/>
- Higher Learning Commission
 - Abbreviation: HLC
 - Website: <http://www.hlcommission.org/>
- Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities
 - Abbreviation: NWCCU
 - Website: <http://www.nwccu.org/>

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NATIONAL ACCREDITING AGENCIES

- Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools
 - Abbreviation: ABHES
 - Website: <https://www.abhes.org/>
- Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges
 - Abbreviation: ACCSC
 - Website: <https://www.abhes.org/> <https://accet.org/>
- Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training
 - Abbreviation: ACCET
 - Website: <https://accet.org/>
- Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools
 - Abbreviation: ACICS
 - Website: <http://www.acics.org/>
- Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools Accreditation Commission
 - Abbreviation: AARTS
 - Website: AARTS does not maintain an active website
- Association of Biblical Higher Education (recognized for undergraduate only)
 - Abbreviation: ABHE
 - Website: <https://www.abhe.org/>
- Commission of Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools
 - Abbreviation: ATS
 - Website: <https://www.ats.edu/>
- Council on Occupational Education
 - Abbreviation: COE
 - Website: <http://council.org/>
- Distance Education Accrediting Commission
 - Abbreviation: DEAC
 - Website: <https://www.deac.org/>
- Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools
 - Abbreviation: TRACS
 - Website: <http://www.tracs.org/>

PROFESSIONAL AND SPECIALIZED ACCREDITING AGENCIES

- Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine
 - Abbreviation: ACAOM
 - Website: <http://acaom.org/>
- American Board of Funeral Service Education
 - Abbreviation: ABFSE
 - Website: <http://www.abfse.org/> <https://nast.arts-accredit.org/>

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- National Association of Schools of Theatre
 - Abbreviation: NAST
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