

## Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board 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. Coordinating Board-recognized accreditors require institutions to meet standards or criteria comparable to the Coordinating Board's Standards for Operation of Institutions.

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

The Coordinating Board recognizes the following 7 regional, 10 national, and 3 professional or specialized accrediting agencies.

### 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: NECHE
  - 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/>

### 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: <http://www.accsc.org/>
- Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training
  - Abbreviation: ACCTE
  - Website: <https://accte.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/>
- National Association of Schools of Theatre
  - Abbreviation: NAST
  - Website: <https://nast.arts-accredit.org/>