



# ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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933 Louise Avenue  
Charlotte, NC 28204

September 1, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

The Accreditation Commission of the Association of Christian Education (ACE) is pleased to formally recognize that Queens College of Theology was granted Institutional Accreditation effective September 1, 2025, and was simultaneously recognized as a Founding Accredited Member of the Association of Christian Education.

This accreditation was awarded following a comprehensive review conducted in accordance with the ACE Standards of Accreditation Handbook, including verification of the institution's eligibility, self-study assessment, peer evaluation, and independent review process. The Commission determined that Queens College of Theology demonstrated substantial compliance with the Association's Standards of Accreditation and provided clear evidence of its commitment to continuous institutional improvement, biblical higher education, and academic excellence.

As the founding institution associated with the establishment of the Association of Christian Education, Queens College of Theology voluntarily elected to undergo the same comprehensive accreditation process expected of every future applicant institution.

Recognizing that public confidence in accreditation depends upon independence and impartiality, ACE implemented additional safeguards beyond those ordinarily required to ensure that no individual associated with Queens College of Theology participated in the accreditation decision.

Accordingly, the Accreditation Commission appointed an independent evaluator with no employment, governance, financial, or advisory relationship with either Queens College of Theology or the Association of Christian Education to conduct the institutional review.

The independent evaluator appointed for this review was:

Dr. Jonathan M. Reynolds, Ed.D.  
Independent Higher Education Consultant

Dr. Reynolds was selected based upon his experience in higher education governance, institutional assessment, accreditation review, strategic planning, and Christian higher education administration. Prior to accepting the appointment, Dr. Reynolds completed ACE's conflict-of-interest disclosures and certified that no actual or perceived conflict existed with either organization.



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## **Independent Evaluation Process**

The evaluation followed the institutional accreditation pathway established within the ACE Standards of Accreditation Handbook, including:

- Institutional inquiry
- Application review
- Comprehensive self-study
- Independent evaluation of documentation
- Peer review
- Final recommendation to the Accreditation Commission

The Handbook provides that institutions progress through inquiry, application, candidate status, comprehensive self-study, and a full evaluation before accreditation may be awarded. Accreditation decisions are based upon demonstrated compliance with the Standards rather than institutional affiliation or organizational relationship.

During the evaluation, Dr. Reynolds reviewed thousands of pages of institutional documentation, including governing documents, policies, academic materials, financial information, faculty credentials, student resources, catalogs, assessment plans, strategic planning documents, and institutional publications.

The evaluator additionally interviewed institutional leadership, faculty representatives, administrative personnel, and reviewed operational procedures to determine whether institutional practice aligned with published policy.

## **Independence of the Accreditation Decision**

Because Queens College of Theology served as the founding institution associated with the formation of the Association, the Accreditation Commission adopted enhanced safeguards to preserve the integrity of the accreditation process.

Consistent with the Association's policies regarding institutional independence and conflicts of interest, individuals affiliated with Queens College of Theology did not participate in deliberations or voting concerning the institution's accreditation.



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The independent evaluator submitted a written report directly to the Accreditation Commission. Following review of the evaluator's findings, supporting documentation, and evidence of compliance, the Commission independently voted to grant Institutional Accreditation effective **September 1, 2025**.

As an accredited institution, Queens College of Theology became subject to all continuing responsibilities of accredited membership, including annual reporting, ongoing compliance with the Standards of Accreditation, and future reaffirmation reviews in accordance with Association policy.

Queens College of Theology will remain accredited until August 1st 2030. The Association of Christian Education will require intent to renew no later than August 1st 2029, with final reaffirmation document submission completed prior to the expiration of accreditation.