



for Biblical Higher
Education Logo

Accreditation Fact Sheet

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Cairn University

200 Manor Avenue, Langhorne, PA,
USA, 19047

Previous Name: Philadelphia Biblical
University (2000-2012) , Philadelphia
College of the Bible (1913-2000)

Current Status: Programmatic - Accredited

Programmatic accreditation is granted to individual programs on the basis that the accredited program(s) evidences substantial compliance with ABHE's Programmatic Accreditation Standards, including documentation of the appropriateness, rigor, and achievement of the stated student learning outcomes.

Sanctions: None

Accreditation Dates:

Action:

Date:

Applicant Status Granted:

Candidate Status Granted:

1949

Initial Accreditation Granted:

1950

Last Reaffirmation:

2016

Last Review:

2/1/2016

Next Commission Review:

2026

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Next Team Visit: Spring 2025

Status Expiration: 2/28/2026

Accreditor Description:

The ABHE Commission on Accreditation is a national faith-related accrediting organization and is recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE) and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). The ABHE Commission on Accreditation is an institutional and programmatic accreditor. Institutions that are institutionally accredited have been examined as a whole. Institutions that are programmatically accredited have specific programs that have been reviewed in light of ABHE standards.

Accreditation Decisions:

Date:

Action:

Includes the following: applicant status, candidate status, initial accreditation, reaffirmation of accreditation, sanction, substantive change approval - last 5 years. Please see the "Policy on Communication of Accreditation Decisions" in the COA Manual.

Delivery and Programs:

Approved Delivery Methods:

Competency-Based Education (up to 49%)

Correspondence Education (up to 49%)

Distance Education (up to 100%)

Approved Off-Campus Locations:

Type:

Address:

A branch campus is an additional location of an institution that is geographically apart and

independent of the main campus of the institution and (1) is permanent in nature; (2) offers courses in educational programs leading to a degree, certificate, or other recognized educational credential; (3) has its own faculty and administrative or supervisory organization; and (4) has its own budgetary and hiring authority. An additional location is a facility that is geographically apart from the main campus of the institution and at which the institution offers at least 50% of a program through classroom courses, hybrid courses, or a combination of both. An additional location may qualify as a branch campus and be subject to requirements pertaining to branch campuses. An extension site is an off-campus location where less than 50% of a degree program may be earned by classroom courses, hybrid courses, or a combination of both.

Approved Educational Programs:

Degree/Diploma/Certificate:	Program (Major/Concentration):
Associate of Arts	Biblical Studies
Bachelor of Science	Bible/Bible Ministries
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Bachelor of Science	Bible/Camping Ministries
Bachelor of Science	Bible/Christian Studies
Bachelor of Science	Bible/Church Ministries Interdisciplinary
Bachelor of Science	Bible/Pastoral Ministries
Bachelor of Science	Intercultural Studies
Bachelor of Science	Youth and Family Ministry
Master of Arts	Religion
Master of Divinity	

Master of Theology

A program is a primary focused area of study in an academic degree or certificate usually comprised of 24 or more credit hours in a single discipline or subject area (typically called a major in undergraduate programs or a concentration in graduate programs). Programs must be approved by the COA in accordance with the Policy on Substantive Change.

Public Outcomes Statements:

Type:

Link: