

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 institutional and professional or specialized accrediting agencies.

Institutional Accrediting Agencies

- Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools
 - Abbreviation: ABHES
 - Website: <https://www.abhes.org/>
- Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges
 - Abbreviation: ACCJC-WASC
 - Website: <https://accjc.org/>
- Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges
 - Abbreviation: ACCSC
 - Website: <http://www.accsc.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/>
- Higher Learning Commission
 - Abbreviation: HLC
 - Website: <http://www.hlcommission.org/>
- Middle States Commission on Higher Education
 - Abbreviation: MSCHE
 - Website: <http://www.msche.org/>
- New England Commission of Higher Education
 - Abbreviation: NECHE
 - Website: <https://www.neche.org/>
- Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities
 - Abbreviation: NWCCU
 - Website: <http://www.nwccu.org/>
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (accreditor for all Texas public institutions of higher education)
 - Abbreviation: SACSCOC
 - Website: <http://www.sacscoc.org/>
- Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools
 - Abbreviation: TRACS
 - Website: <http://www.tracs.org/>
- WASC Senior College and University Commission
 - Abbreviation: WASC-SCUC
 - Website: <https://www.wscuc.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/>