

**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
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**Disclosure Statement Regarding the Status of
MONTREAT COLLEGE
Montreat, North Carolina
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The following publicly available information is provided by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) concerning the accreditation of Montreat College. Information presented below is in accord with SACSCOC's disclosure policy; SACSCOC staff cannot comment further on questions specifically related to Montreat College. The institution has reviewed this statement prior to public posting and was invited to submit official comments regarding SACSCOC Board of Trustees action.

Action by SACSCOC Board of Trustees took place on December 4, 2020, and the institution's next review is December 2021.

What is the accreditation status of Montreat College? Montreat College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; however, the institution was denied reaffirmation, continued in accreditation, and placed on Warning for twelve (12) months following SACSCOC Board action on its comprehensive decennial review. SACSCOC accreditation includes all components of the institution—all programs, branch campuses, off-campus sites, and distance learning programs as reported to SACSCOC; thus, the Warning status applies to the entire institution.

What does it mean to be denied reaffirmation, continued in accreditation, and placed on Warning? A Warning imposed by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees at the time of an institution's comprehensive decennial review follows a determination of significant non-compliance with the Core Requirements or Standards of the *Principles of Accreditation*—the accreditation standards of SACSCOC—failure to make timely and significant progress toward correcting the deficiencies that led to the findings of non-compliance; or failure to comply with SACSCOC policies and procedures. The maximum total time during a monitoring period that an institution may be on Warning is two years. In December 2021, Montreat College will have been on Warning for one year. For additional information about sanctions, see SACSCOC's policy entitled "[Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation and Removal from Membership.](#)"

Why was Montreat College denied reaffirmation, continued in accreditation, and placed on Warning? Montreat College was denied reaffirmation, continued in accreditation, and placed on Warning because the SACSCOC Board of Trustees determined that it had failed to demonstrate compliance with the *Principles of Accreditation*, namely, Core Requirement 13.1 (*Financial resources*), Standard 8.2.b (*Student outcomes: general education*) and Standard 13.3 (*Financial responsibility*). These standards expect an institution to (1) have sound financial resources and a demonstrated, stable financial base to support the mission of the institution, and the scope of its programs and services; (2) identify expected student learning outcomes, assess the extent to which it achieves these outcomes, and provide evidence of seeking improvement based on analysis of the results for collegiate-level general education competencies of its undergraduate degree programs; as well as (3) manage its financial resources in a responsible manner. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution. (To read the full statements for the standards cited above, access the [Principles of Accreditation: Foundation for Quality Enhancement](#).)

What does it mean to be continued in accreditation and placed on Warning? A Warning imposed by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees follows a determination of significant non-compliance with the Core Requirements or Standards of the *Principles of Accreditation*, the accreditation standards of SACSCOC; failure to make timely and significant progress toward correcting the deficiencies that led to the findings of non-compliance; or failure to comply with SACSCOC policies and procedures. The maximum total time during a monitoring period that an institution may be on Warning is two years. In December 2021, Montreat College will have been on Warning for one year. For additional information about sanctions, see the SACSCOC policy entitled "[Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation and Removal from Membership.](#)"

What will happen in December 2021? The SACSCOC Board of Trustees will consider the accreditation status of Montreat College following a review of a Monitoring Report submitted by the institution addressing the standards cited above for non-compliance. The Board will have the following options: (1) reaffirm accreditation and remove the institution from Warning without an additional report; (2) reaffirm accreditation and remove the institution from Warning and request a Fifth-Year Follow-Up Report; (3) deny reaffirmation, continue accreditation, continue Warning, request a Monitoring Report, with or without authorizing a Special Committee; (4) deny reaffirmation, continue accreditation, place the institution on Probation, request a Monitoring Report, and authorize a Special Committee; and (5) remove the institution from membership for failure to comply with the *Principles of Accreditation*. SACSCOC staff will not speculate on what decision might be made by the Board of Trustees in December 2021.

For additional information regarding SACSCOC's accreditation process, access the [Principles of Accreditation: Foundation for Quality Enhancement](#).