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**Disclosure Statement Regarding the Status of
SOUTHWESTERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY
Keene, Texas**

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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 Southwestern Adventist University. Information presented below is in accord with SACSCOC's disclosure policy; SACSCOC staff cannot comment further on questions specifically related to Southwestern Adventist University. The institution has reviewed this statement prior to public posting.

Action by SACSCOC Board of Trustees took place on June 15, 2023, and the institution's next review is June 2024.

What is the accreditation status of Southwestern Adventist University? Southwestern Adventist University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; however, the institution was continued in accreditation and placed on Warning after review of a Referral Report regarding student achievement, program faculty, and student outcomes for educational programs. 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 continued in accreditation and placed on Warning?

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 June 2024, Southwestern Adventist University will have been on Warning for twelve (12) months. For additional information about sanctions, see the SACSCOC policy entitled "[Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership.](#)"

Why was Southwestern Adventist University placed on Warning? Southwestern Adventist University was continued in accreditation and placed on Warning because the SACSCOC Board of Trustees determined that the institution had failed to demonstrate compliance with Core Requirement 8.1 (*Student achievement*), Standard 6.2.b (*Program faculty*) and Standard 8.2.a (*Student outcomes: educational programs*). These standards expect the institution: (1) to identify, evaluate, and publish goals and outcomes for student achievement appropriate to the institution's mission, the nature of the students it serves, and the kinds of programs offered. Further, this standard expects an institution to use multiple measures to document student success; (2) to employ a sufficient number of full-time faculty members for each of its educational programs to ensure curriculum and program quality, integrity, and review; and (3) to 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 each of its educational programs. (To read the full statements for the standards cited above, access the [Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement](#).)

What will happen in June 2024? The SACSCOC Board of Trustees will consider the accreditation status of Southwestern Adventist University 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) remove the institution from Warning without an additional report; (2) remove the institution from Warning and request a Fifth-Year Follow-Up Report; (3) continue accreditation, continue the institution on Warning, request a Monitoring Report, with or without a Special Committee authorized; (4) continue accreditation, place the institution on Probation, request a Monitoring Report, and authorize a Special Committee; or (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 June 2024.

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