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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 13, 2024, and the institution's next review is June 2025.

**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 continued on Warning after review of a Monitoring Report following submission of a Referral Report in June 2023 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 continued 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 2025, Southwestern Adventist University will have been on Warning for two years. For additional information about sanctions, see the SACSCOC policy entitled "[Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership.](#)"

**Why was Southwestern Adventist University continued on Warning?** Southwestern Adventist University was continued in accreditation and continued on Warning because the SACSCOC Board of Trustees determined that the institution had failed to demonstrate compliance with Standard 8.2.a (*Student outcomes: educational programs*). This standard expects the institution 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. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution. (To read the full statements for the standard cited above, access the [Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement.](#))

**What will happen in June 2025?** 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) continue accreditation, place the institution on Probation for Good Cause, request a Monitoring Report, and authorize a Special Committee; or (3) 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 2025.

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