

TRANSNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
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Meeting a Higher Standard

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President David Melton
Boston Baptist College
950 Metropolitan Ave
Boston, MA 02136

Dear President Melton:

This letter is in response to your request for an extension in the accreditation process with TRACS for Reaffirmation III status.

In relation to the TRACS timeline, Boston Baptist College (BBC) is completing its ten-year cycle of Reaffirmation II and is scheduled to appear before the TRACS Accreditation Commission by November 2021 for Reaffirmation III status; but because of the COVID-19 interruptions (e.g., closure of BBC's campus in early spring, a travel advisory in late summer that resulted in classes starting early for the fall semester, plus the weekly regulations and adjustments of requirements by the City of Boston and the State), TRACS is honoring your request to extend the Reaffirmation II Status of BBC until June 30, 2022.

According to the guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education in March of 2020:

The Department is also offering agencies the discretion to extend the term of accreditation, for a reasonable period of time during the COVID-19 interruption, for an institution that is undergoing renewal of accreditation and was scheduled to have a site visit during a COVID-19 interruption. ... This includes providing an additional good cause extension to an institution or program that has otherwise already been provided with the agency's maximum allowable good cause extensions (page 2, paragraph 3).

BBC will continue its Reaffirmation II status as a Category II institution, approved to offer certificates, the Associate's and Bachelors' degrees, along with distance education. To attain Reaffirmation III status, BBC must complete a successful self-study, host an on-site team evaluation, and appear before the Accreditation Commission by the scheduled spring 2022 TRACS Accreditation Commission meeting.

When your status is printed in institutional publications, or posted on your website, it must be stated accurately and fully in the following manner:



Boston Baptist College (BBC) is a member of the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) [15935 Forest Road, Forest, VA 24551; Telephone: (434) 525-9539; e-mail: info@tracs.org], having been awarded Reaffirmation II of its Accredited Status as a Category II institution by the TRACS Accreditation Commission on November 8, 2011. This status is in force through June 30, 2022. TRACS is an institutional accreditor recognized by the United States Department of Education (ED), the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), and the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE).

Dr. Tanmay Pramanik, your staff representative, will be honored to continue to work with your institution as you move forward.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call the TRACS office.

Sincerely,



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President

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