

Association of Christian Theological Schools (ACTS)

Standards & Operational Manual

Section 1. Mission & Framework

ACTS exists to strengthen Christian theological institutions committed to competency-based distance education. It provides standards, accountability, and recognition for institutions prioritizing demonstrable learning outcomes.

Section 2. Membership Categories

Candidate Member: For schools in development. Accredited Member: For schools fully compliant with ACTS standards. Affiliate Partner: For ministries or training centers aligned with ACTS values but not offering degrees.

Section 3. Doctrinal Commitment

All members affirm the Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed. Scripture is recognized as the final authority in faith and practice.

Section 4. Standards for Accreditation

Standards include Governance & Mission, Competency Frameworks, Faculty & Mentors, Curriculum & Learning Design, Assessment & Evaluation, Student Support, Financial Integrity, and Continuous Improvement.

Section 5. Accreditation Process

Application → Candidacy Review → Accreditation Review → Decision. Institutions may be granted Accredited, Candidate (continued), Probation, or Denial status.

Section 6. Annual Reporting

Institutions must file annual reports with financial data, faculty rosters, enrollment, student outcomes, and changes.

Section 7. Fees & Renewal

Application Fee: \$300. Annual Membership: \$300. Accreditation Review Fee: \$500. Affiliate Fee: \$150. Late renewals incur a \$100 reinstatement fee.

Section 8. Ethical Commitments

Members agree to honesty in recruitment, financial transparency, and protection of students. Violations may result in probation or termination.

Section 9. Recognition & Reciprocity

ACTS member institutions recognize each other's competency demonstrations for transfer or admission. ACTS does not claim DOE or CHEA recognition; it is a peer-based theological accreditor.

Section 10. Dissolution

If dissolved, all assets revert to the Kerygma Educational Network.