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These institutions operate degrees which have been declared by the appropriate state authority exempt from the requirements for licensure under provisions of G.S. 116-15(d), for exemption from licensure with respect to religious education. **Exemption from licensure is not based upon assessment of program quality under established licensing standards.**

This exemption may not apply to all programs offered at the institution. You may contact state authorization staff at stateauthorization@northcarolina.edu for information about which programs have been declared exempt or to report any institutions not listed that may be operating unlawfully.

Exempt Institution	Location	Accrediting Organization Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)
A.I.M.S. Bible Institute	Fayetteville, NC	-
Ambassador Baptist College	Lattimore, NC	-
Ambassador Christian College	Kannapolis, NC	-
Arize Institute of the Fivefold Ministry & Bible College	Mebane, NC	-
Bhaktivedanta College	Clyde, NC	-
Biola University	La Mirada, CA	WASC Senior College and University Commission
Boomerang University	Albemarle, NC	-
Bridges Christian College	New Orleans, LA	Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation - (ABHE)
Calvary Baptist Bible College	King, NC	-
Carolina Bible Institute & Seminary	Pine, NC	-
Carolina Christian Bible College	Statesville, NC	-
Carolina Christian College	Winston-Salem, NC	Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation - (ABHE)
Carolina College of Biblical Studies	Fayetteville, NC	Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation - (ABHE)
Charity Bible College	Lawndale, NC	-
Christian Bible College	Rocky Mount, NC	-
Christian Faith Bible College	Sanford, NC	-
Christian Leaders Institute	Largo, FL	-
Christian Outreach Bible Institute	Fayetteville, NC	-
Christian University of Human Development	Raleigh, NC	-
Chun University	Charlotte, NC	-
Clarksville Theological College & Seminary	Clayton, NC	-
Crystal Rain Institute	Fayetteville, NC	-
Dallas Theological Seminary	Dallas, TX	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)
Dallas Theological Seminary	Dallas, TX	Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools - (ATS)
Damascus College	Eure, NC	-
Divinity Bible Institute	Whiteville, NC	-
Drew University Theological School	Madison, NJ	Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools - (ATS)
Drew University Theological School	Madison, NJ	Middle States Commission on Higher Education - (MSCHE)
Eastern Carolina Christian College & Seminary	Roanoke Rapids, VA	-
Eastern Carolina School of Theology	Rocky Mount, NC	-
El Shaddai Christian University	Denver, NC	-
Emmanuel Theology Seminary	Raleigh, NC	-
Evangel University of the Assemblies of God	Springfield, MO	Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
Ezekiel Institute of Ministry	Garner, NC	-
Faith in Action Bible College	Garner, NC	-
Faith Bible Training Center	Durham, NC	-
Faith International University	Tacoma, WA	Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS)
FIRE School of Ministry	Concord, NC	-
FMI Biblical Studies & Seminary	Charlotte, NC	-
Fruitland Baptist Bible College	Hendersonville, NC	-
Fuller Theological Seminary-Exempt	Pasadena, CA	WASC Senior College and University Commission
Fuller Theological Seminary-Exempt	Pasadena, CA	Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS)
GAP Ministries College of Theology, LLC	Goldsboro, NC	-

Gatekeepers University	Archdale, NC	-
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary	Charlotte, NC	Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools - (ATS)
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary	Charlotte, NC	New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE)
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary	Charlotte, NC	Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)
Grace Bible College & Theological Seminary	Saluda, VA	-
Grace Biblical College	Kannapolis, NC	-
Grace Communion Seminary	Charlotte, NC	Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC)
Guidance College	Houston, TX	-
Harvest Time School of the Bible	Wallace, NC	-
Heritage Bible College	Dunn, NC	Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS)
Hood Theological Seminary	Salisbury, NC	Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools - (ATS)
Impact University	Clemmons, NC	-
J.D. Williams, Sr. Bible Institute	Charlotte, NC	-
Jacksonville Bible College	Jacksonville, NC	-
Kerygma University	Vineland, New Jersey	-
Kingdom Manna Community Bible College	Pinetops, NC	-
Latimer Theology Institute	Waynesboro, VA	-
Legacy School of Equipping Bible College Inc	Garner, NC	-
Life Christian University at Beverly Smith	Charlotte, NC	-
Life Leaders University	Fayetteville, NC	-
Life Tabernacle Bible Institute Theological Seminary	Fayetteville, NC	-
Living Word Full Gospel Ministry and Bible College	Richland, NC	-
Loyola University	Charlotte & Raleigh, NC	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges - (SACSCOC)
Lumbee River Christian College	Shannon, NC	Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation - (ABHE)
Macedonia Baptist College	Midland, NC	-
Manna Bible College	Wilson, NC	-
Manna University	Fayetteville, NC	Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation - (ABHE)
McAfee Christian College	High Point, NC	-
Mercy Life University	Sanford, NC	-
More Than Conquerors College	Charlotte, NC	-
National Theological College and Graduate School	Lexington, NC	-
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New Aberdeen College	Concord, NC	-
New Covenant Bible Institute	Rocky Mount, NC	-
New Life Bible College and Seminary	Bessemer City, NC	-
New Life Theological Seminary	Fayetteville, NC	-
New York Christian Bible College	Belhaven, NC	-
North Carolina College of Theology	Carolina Beach, NC	-
North Carolina College of Theology	Carolina Beach, NC	Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation - (ABHE)
North Carolina Theological Seminary	Clinton, NC	-
Northeastern College of Theology	Concord, NC	-
Northern California Bible College	Campbell, CA	Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and School (TRACS)
Partners to the Promise Christian College	Charlotte, NC	-
Power of God University	Charlotte, NC	-
Praise Waiteth University	Sanford, NC	-
Queens College of Theology	Charlotte, NC	-
Redemption Seminary	Chandler, AZ	-
Reformed Theological Seminary	Charlotte, NC	Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools - (ATS)
Reformed Theological Seminary	Charlotte, NC	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges - (SACSCOC)
River International Leadership Institute & Seminary	Fayetteville, NC	-
Royal Crest University and Seminary	Tarboro, NC	-

Saint Athanasius and Saint Cyril Coptic Orthodox Theological School (ACTS)	Newport Beach, CA	-
Shepherd's Theological Seminary	Cary, NC	Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools - (ATS)
Snowbird Institute	Andrews, NC	-
Solid Rock School of Theology	Fayetteville, NC	-
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary	Wake Forest, NC	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges - (SACSCOC)
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary	Wake Forest, NC	Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools - (ATS)
Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College	Wendell, NC	Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and School (TRACS)
Southeastern University-Exempt	Clayton, Charlotte, Concord & Durham, NC	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges - (SACSCOC)
Southeastern University-Exempt	Clayton, Charlotte, Concord & Durham, NC	Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools - (ATS)
Southern Evangelical Seminary	Charlotte, NC	Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS)
Southwestern Christian University	Bethany, OK	Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
Spirit Training Center (STC Bible College)	Thomasville, NC	-
St. Maurice College	Charlotte, NC	-
St. Stephen Harding Theological College & Seminary	Winston-Salem, NC	-
Starr King School for the Ministry	Oakland, CA	Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools - (ATS)
Strong in Grace International University of Theology	Cary, NC	-
TCOR Bible Institute	Raleigh, NC	-
The John Leland Center for Theological Studies	Arlington, VA	Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools - (ATS)
The Potter's House Seminary and Bible College	Jacksonville, NC	-
The Theological Seminary of True Way	Mooresville, NC	-
The University of Alpha & Omega	Durham, NC	-
Theological International University	Charlotte, Raleigh, Greensboro & Fayette, NC	-
Theological International University	Charlotte, Raleigh, Greensboro & Fayette, NC	-
Transformational Bible Institute	Elizabeth City, Ahoskie & Wilmington, NC	-
Tri-County Bible College & Seminary	Maxton, NC	-
Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry	Ambridge, PA	Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools - (ATS)
Triple C Bible College	Ahoskie, NC	-
Tripp Bible Institute	Marion, NC	-
True Standard Christian Bible College	Bolton, Pinetops, Wilmington, Windsor & Winterville, NC	-
Union Presbyterian Seminary	Charlotte, NC	Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools - (ATS)
Union Presbyterian Seminary	Charlotte, NC	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges - (SACSCOC)
United Cornerstone University	Thomasville, NC	-
Universidad Teologica Interamericana	Wilson, NC	-
University of Applied Vedic Sciences	Raleigh, NC	-
University of Leadership and Ministry	Garner, NC	-
Venus Rising University	Sylva, NC	-
Vintage Bible College	Winston-Salem, NC	-
Virginia Christian College	Dumfries, VA	The Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS)
West Theological Seminary	Shallott, NC	-
Word of Fire Christian University	Durham, NC	-
Word of Life School of Ministry	Bear Creek, NC	-
World Gospel School	Newport, NC	-
Zakkah University of Learning	Durham, NC	-