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These institutions operate degrees which have 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.

You may contact state authorization staff at stateauthorization@northcarolina.edu for information about which programs operated at these institutions have been declared exempt.

Exempt Institution	Location	Accreditation
A.I.M.S. Bible Institute	Fayetteville, NC	W.W.A.C.
Accelerated College of the Bible International	Hendersonville, TN	Tennessee Higher Education Board
Ambassador Baptist College	Lattimore, NC	-
Ambassador Christian College	Kannapolis, NC	American Accrediting Association of Theological Institutions, Inc
Bhaktivedanta College	Clyde, NC	-
Bridges Christian College	King, NC	Association of Biblical Higher Education
Carolina Bible Institute & Seminary	Pine, NC	Accrediting Commission International
Carolina Christian Bible College	Statesville, NC	-
Carolina Christian College	Winston-Salem, NC	Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE)
Carolina College of Biblical Studies	Fayetteville, NC	Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE)
Charity Bible College	Lawndale, NC	-
Charlotte Christian College and Theological Seminary	Charlotte, NC	TRACS - Reaffirmation II
Christian Bible College	Rocky Mount, NC	American Accrediting Association of Theological Institutions (AAATI)
Christian Faith Bible College	Sanford, NC	-
Christian Outreach Bible Institute	Fayetteville, NC	-
Christian University of Human Development	Raleigh, NC	-
Chun University	Charlotte, NC	-
Clarksville Theological College & Seminary	Clayton, NC	American Accrediting Association of Theological Institutions, Inc.
CreatEd Institute (Excel)	Black Mountain, NC	-
Crystal Rain Institute	Fayetteville, NC	-
Cumberland University	Fayetteville, NC	-
Dallas Theological Seminary	Dallas, TX	Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)
Dallas Theological Seminary	Dallas, TX	Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS)
Damascus College	Eure, NC	National Accrediting Board for Bible Colleges and Seminaries (NABBCS)
Divinity Bible Institute	Whiteville, NC	Accrediting Commission International (ACI)
Dominion Theological Seminary	Charlotte, NC	Accrediting Commission for Biblical Higher Education
Drew University Theological School	Madison, NJ	Association of Theological Schools
Drew University Theological School	Madison, NJ	Middle States Commission on Higher Education
Eastern Carolina Christian College	Roanoke Rapids, VA	-
Eastern Carolina School of Theology	Rocky Mount, NC	-
El Shaddai Christian University	Denver, NC	-
Emmanuel Theology Seminary	Raleigh, NC	-
Emmaus Corp Embassey International University	Raeford, NC	-
Ezekiel Institute of Ministry	Garner, NC	Association of Independent Christian Colleges and Seminaries
Faith in Action Bible College	Garner, NC	Association of Independent Christian Colleges and Seminaries
FIRE School of Ministry	Concord, NC	-
FMI Biblical Studies & Seminary	Charlotte, NC	-
Foundations Bible College & Schools	Dunn, NC	-
Fresh Fire Bible College	Kinston, NC	-
Fruitland Baptist Bible College	Hendersonville, NC	International Baptist Association of Universities and Colleges
FulGospel Bible College	Fayetteville, NC	-
Fuller Theological Seminary-Exempt	Pasadena, CA	WASC Senior College and University Commission
Fuller Theological Seminary-Exempt	Pasadena, CA	Association of Theological Schools
GAP Ministries College of Theology, LLC	Goldsboro, NC	Accrediting Commission International, Inc
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary	Charlotte, NC	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	Winston -Salem, NC	National Bible College Assocaition (NBCA)
Grace Bible College & Theological Seminary	Winston -Salem, NC	Accrediting Commission for Higher Educaiton (ACBHE)
Grace Bible College & Theological Seminary	Winston -Salem, NC	Glocal Christian Schol Network
Grace Bible College & Theological Seminary	Winston -Salem, NC	Christian Counseling Association of America
Grace Communion Seminary	Charlotte, NC	Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC)
Harvest Time School of the Bible	Wallace, NC	Transworld Accrediting Commission International
Hood Theological Seminary	Salisbury, NC	Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools
Impact University	Clemmons, NC	-
J.D. Williams, Sr. Bible Institute	Charlotte, NC	Accrediting Commission International (ACI)
Jacksonville Bible College	Jacksonville, NC	Transworld Accrediting Commission
John Wesley University- Exempt	High Point, NC	TRACS
Kingdom Builder's School of Theology	Roxboro, NC	Transworld Accrediting Commission
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	Accrediting Commission International
Life Christian University of Albemarle		
Life Christian University of Cherokee		
Life Christian University of Union County	Concord, NC	
Living Word Full Gospel Ministry and Bible College	Richland, NC	National Bible College Association
Living Word Ministry University	Wake Forest, NC	AICCS - Association of Independent Christian Colleges and Seminaries
Loyola University	Charlotte & Raleigh, NC	SACS-COC
Lumbee River Christian College	Shannon, NC	Association for Biblical Higher Education
Macedonia Baptist College	Midland, NC	Accrediting Commission International, Inc.
Manna Bible College	Wilson, NC	Accrediting Commission International (ACI)
Manna University	Fayetteville, NC	Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE)
Mercy Life University	Sanford, NC	-
More Than Conquerors College	Charlotte, NC	Transworld Accrediting Commission International
Mt. Calvary University	Wallace, NC	-
National Theological College and Graduate School	Lexington, NC	Asia Theological Association (ATA)
National Theological College and Graduate School	Lexington, NC	Middle East and North African Association for Theological Education (MENATE)
New Covenant Bible Institute	Rocky Mount, NC	-
New Life Bible College and Seminary	Bessemer City, NC	The American Accrediting Association of Theological Institutions
New York Christian Bible College	Belhaven, NC	Accreditation Commission of America: ACA
North Carolina College of Theology	Carolina Beach, NC	Accrediting Commission International
North Carolina College of Theology	Carolina Beach, NC	Association of Biblical Higher Education
Power of God University	Charlotte, NC	Transworld Accrediting Commission International
Praise Waiteth University	Sanford, NC	-
Queens College of Theology	Charlotte, NC	-
Redemption Seminary	Chandler, AZ	-
Reformed Theological Seminary	Charlotte, NC	Association of Theological Schools (ATS)
Reformed Theological Seminary	Charlotte, NC	Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
Saint Paul Center for Worship and Study	Glen Alpine, NC	-
Shepherd's Theological Seminary	Cary, NC	Association of Theological Schools
Sonship Bible College	Raleigh, NC	-
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary	Wake Forest, NC	SACSCOC, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary	Wake Forest, NC	ATS, The Association of Theological Schools
Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College	Wendell, NC	Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and School
Southeastern University-Exempt	Clayton, Chalotte, Concord & Durham, NC	Southern association of colleges and schools commission on colleges
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Southern Evangelical Seminary	Charlotte, NC	TRANSNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS
Spirit Training Center (STC Bible College)	Thomasville, NC	Transworld Accrediting Commission International

St. Maurice College	Charlotte, NC	-
St. Stephen Harding Theological College & Seminary	Winston -Salem, NC	-
Strong in Grace International University of Theology	Cary, NC	Associate Member Transworld International Accreditation
TCOR Bible Institute	Raleigh, NC	American Accrediting Association of Theological Institutions, Inc.
Tabernacle Bible College	Wilson, NC	American Accrediting Association of Theological Institution
The Open Door Seminary	Charlotte, NC	-
The Theological Seminary of True Way	Mooreville, NC	-
The University of Alpha & Omega	Durham, NC	-
Theological International University	Charlotte, Raleigh, Greensboro & Fayette, NC	Transworld Accrediting Commission International
Theological International University	Charlotte, Raleigh, Greensboro & Fayette, NC	ASIC (ACCREDITATION SERVICE for INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS, COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES)
Transformational Bible Institute	Elizabeth City, Ahoskie & Wilmington, NC	Transworld Accrediting Commission International
Tri-County Bible College & Seminary	Maxton, NC	-
Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry	Ambridge, NC	Pennsylvania Department of Education,
Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry	Ambridge, NC	The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS)
Triple C Bible College (DBA)	Ahoskie, NC	American Accrediting Association of Theological Institution, Inc.
True Standard Christian Bible College	Bolton, Pinetops, Wilmington, Windsor & Winterville, NC	-
Union Presbyterian Seminary	Charlotte, NC	The Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States & Canada
Union Presbyterian Seminary	Charlotte, NC	The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges
United Cornerstone University	Thomasville, NC	International Association of Bible Colleges and Seminaries (IABCS)
United Cornerstone University	Thomasville, NC	Transworld Accrediting Commission
University of Leadership and Ministry	Garner, NC	-
Venus Rising University	Sylva, NC	-
Vintage Bible College	Winston -Salem, NC	-
WAVE College, Inc	Wilson, NC	Closed effective October 1, 2022
World Gospel School	Newport, NC	-
Zakkah University of Learning	Durham, NC	-