

## WSCUC Eligibility Application Process

World Mission University is already a full member institution of ABHE and ATS, accrediting bodies under the U.S. Department of Education. These organizations accredit Christian colleges and universities, and through this accreditation, World Mission University's credits and degrees have been recognized and transferable among mainstream Christian higher education institutions in the United States.

This year, World Mission University is pursuing accreditation with WSCUC (WASC Senior College and University Commission), an accrediting body for general (nonsectarian) universities. In the United States, institutional accreditation for general universities is granted regionally, with the nation divided into seven regions. WSCUC is the accrediting agency responsible for universities in the western region. The University is currently preparing its accreditation application, and the process is expected to take approximately two to three years.

Once this accreditation is obtained, World Mission University will be able to transfer credits and degrees not only with Christian colleges but also with general universities such as the University of California system and private universities. While graduates of World Mission University have not faced difficulties in advancing to mainstream Christian universities, some have encountered challenges when seeking admission to general universities, depending on their field of study. As World Mission University expands its academic programs and develops into a comprehensive Christian university, WSCUC accreditation will serve as a critical turning point.

In addition, the University has recently received accreditation from ATS and ABHE for its PhD (Doctor of Philosophy) program and is currently preparing accreditation for the DWS (Doctor of Worship Studies) program, designed to train worship leaders.

The University is now proceeding with the steps required for WSCUC accreditation. At present, documents have been submitted to obtain Eligibility status, and a review is scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, May 2. As a result of this review, one of three decisions will be made:

1. Eligibility is granted and the University may proceed to the next stage;
2. Revisions are requested and resubmission is required; or
3. Eligibility is denied.

If this stage is successfully completed, the University must then prepare and submit a Self-Study within five years to apply for Initial Accreditation. Upon submission, an evaluation team will conduct a comprehensive review of the institution. This review may result in one of three outcomes:

1. **Initial Accreditation:** Full accreditation is granted immediately (this is relatively rare);
2. **Candidate Status:** The institution is granted Candidate Status, which provides benefits equivalent to those of full accreditation. Within five years, the institution must submit another Self-Study and undergo a subsequent evaluation for full accreditation;

3. **Denial:** In this case, the accreditation process must be restarted from the beginning.

World Mission University has now prepared and submitted the required documents for Eligibility status, with the review scheduled for May 2. Based on the materials submitted for all 15 criteria, interviews with the evaluation team will be conducted.