



## REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

### OHIO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY Institutional Reauthorization

**Request:**

Ohio Christian University requests continued authorization from the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

**Profile:**

Ohio Christian University, an independent institution located in Circleville, Ohio, prepares students to “serve effectively in the church and society by providing a holistic, Christ-centered, biblically integrated education in the Wesleyan tradition.” Originally established in 1948, and previously known as Circleville Bible College (1954-2006), the university today serves nearly 3,000 students in associate, bachelor’s, and master’s degree programs.

**Accreditation/Authorization:**

Ohio Christian University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission until its next scheduled review in 2029-30. The institution also holds specialized accreditation from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation. Ohio Christian University has been continuously authorized by the Chancellor since October 1976.

**Program Offerings:**

Ohio Christian University offers the following degrees: Associate of Arts; Associate of Science; Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Science; Bachelor of Science in Education; Master of Arts; Master of Business Administration; and Master of Education. Programs may be offered at off-site locations, online, accelerated, and in degree completion formats.

**Institutional Changes:**

Since its last reauthorization, Ohio Christian University reduced certain program offerings and delivery sites to better align resources with student, community, and industry needs (2018-2020); and received authorization from the Chancellor to offer the Master of Education (2020). Ohio Christian University has participated in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement since December 2015.

**Recommendation to the Chancellor:**

Ohio Christian University meets the Chancellor’s standards and the staff recommends continued institutional authorization through December 31, 2030 to coincide with the institution’s next accreditation reaffirmation review with the Higher Learning Commission. Continued authorization is contingent upon the submission of reports due to the Higher Learning Commission in 2021 and 2023-24. The Chancellor may, in his judgment, withdraw authorization or require additional review if the institution fails to continue to meet the Chancellor’s standards for authorization or receives a sanction from the Higher Learning Commission.

**End of Comment Period:** November 3, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.  
**No comments received, recommend approval**

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	
The Vice Chancellor has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.	
<i>Stephanie Davidson</i>	November 24, 2020
<b>Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs</b>	<b>Date</b>

<b>APPROVAL</b>	
	12/3/2020
<b>Randy Gardner, Chancellor</b>	<b>Date</b>

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