



REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

Goshen Theological Seminary

Institutional Authorization

Request:

Goshen Theological Seminary (GTS) requests institutional authorization from the Chancellor.

Background:

The NYSKC Foundation (New Life, Yielding for Manna, Salvation One by One, Keeping the Lord's Day, Complete Offering) is a non-profit organization established in April of 2014. NYSKC Foundation leaders are working to create a private, religiously affiliated college in the reformed tradition that shares the vision and mission of NYSKC.

The college, Goshen Theological Seminary, intends to offer a Master of Theology, a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry. GTS is in the process of attaining accreditation from Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS).

Curriculum:

The Master of Divinity program is designed to prepare students for church ministries requiring ordination. It also prepares students for doctoral-level studies. The 94-hour program contains coursework in biblical languages, Bible exposition, preaching, theology, and research methods.

The Master of Theology program is designed to provide advanced academic study of Scripture with a focus on scholarship for research and publication. The 30-hour program includes coursework in the philosophy of early reformation theologians, advanced study of restoration thoughts, contemporary theology, ecclesiology and pastoral theology. The culminating experience of this program is a thesis.

The Doctor of Ministry program builds on the biblical, theological and professional foundations of the Master of Divinity degree. The 36-hour program includes advanced coursework in Nyskism, ecclesiastical studies, restoration theology and dialectic preaching. Students will complete a dissertation at the conclusion of the program.


Recommendation:

Authorization is recommended for the proposed programs contingent upon an update on program progress by December 30th of each year for three full years after the start of the programs.

Authorization is contingent on obtaining TRACS accreditation. TRACS documentation should be submitted to the Chancellor's staff upon completion. Authorization will be withdrawn if, in the Chancellor's judgement, progress reports do not demonstrate satisfactory compliance with the Chancellor's standards or if GTS is unable to attain TRACS accreditation.

End of Comment Period: September 8, 2015 at 3:30pm
No comments received, recommend approval

RECOMMENDATION	
The Vice Chancellor has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.	
	9/9/15
Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs	Date

APPROVAL	
	9/11/15
John Carey, Chancellor	Date

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