



Accrediting Council on Education
in Journalism and Mass Communications

ACEJMC reaccredits eight schools

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 14, 2026 — The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications reaccredited eight schools at its May 5 meeting in Washington, D.C.

The following schools received reaccreditation for undergraduate programs:

Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas — Department of Journalism and Mass Communication

Ohio University, Athens, Ohio — E.W. Scripps School of Journalism

Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa. — Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications

Savannah State University, Savannah, Ga. — Department of Journalism & Mass Communications

University of Memphis, Memphis, Tenn. — Department of Journalism and Strategic Media

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn. — Hubbard School of Journalism and Mass Communication

University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico — College of Communication and Information

Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va. — Department of Journalism and Mass Communications

Ohio University and Abilene Christian University were found to be out of compliance on one standard. While these schools have been reaccredited, they will be required, within three years, to show evidence that the issues leading to the non-compliance have been rectified and that the standard is in compliance.

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Established in 1945, the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications advocates for the highest standards in journalism and mass communications education. Established with the goal of ensuring excellence and continuous improvement, ACEJMC evaluates and accredits programs at colleges and universities around the world.

Programs are evaluated on eight standards: Mission, Governance and Administration; Curriculum and Instruction; Assessment of Learning Outcomes; Advancing a Culturally Proficient Workforce; Faculty; Student Services; Resources, Facilities and Equipment; and Professional and Public Service.

Programs are reviewed every six years. Schools are required to complete an extensive self-study, and site teams conduct campus visits to evaluate programs.

Currently, 118 schools are accredited, primarily in the U.S. and also in Mexico, Puerto Rico, New Zealand, Chile, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. The Council welcomes additional programs in the U.S. and elsewhere that seek accreditation. To learn more about ACEJMC accreditation, visit the website at www.acejmc.org.

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