

# Statement of Accreditation Status

## Vanguard University of Southern California

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**Current Accreditation Status:** Accredited  
**Most Recent Commission Action:** June 27, 2025  
**First Accredited:** 1964

**Undergraduate FTE:** 1,795  
**Graduate FTE:** 329  
**Financial Structure Type:** Non-Profit  
**Sponsorship:** Religious Control  
**Academic Calendar:** Semester  
**Distributes Federal Financial Aid:** Yes

## Commission Actions

- \*Commission Action Letter, Reaffirmation, June 2025 action
- \*Commission Action Letter, Special Visit, June 2021 action
- \*Commission action letter, reaffirmation visit, June 2017 action
- \*Commission action letter, special visit, June 2014 action
- \*Team Report, Reaffirmation, June 2025 action
- \*Team Report, Special Visit, June 2021 action
- \*Team report, reaffirmation visit, June 2017 action

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## Locations

| <b>OPEID</b> | <b>Location Name</b>                       | <b>City</b> | <b>Location Type</b> | <b>Status</b> |
|--------------|--|-------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 00129309     | Canyon Hills AG                            | Bakersfield | Additional           | active        |
| 00129308     | St. Jude Medical Center                    | Fullerton   | Additional           | active        |
|              | Vanguard University of Southern California | Santa Ana   | Additional           | active        |
| 00129300     | Vanguard University of Southern California | Costa Mesa  | Main Campus          | active        |

## Degrees

| <b>Degree</b>  | <b>Degree Level</b> | <b>Year Implemented</b> | <b>Modality</b>    |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Accounting   | Bachelors           | 1992                    | On-Site            |
| Actuarial Science, Bachelor of Science                     | Bachelors           | 2020                    | On-Site            |
| Bachelor of Arts in Business                               | Bachelors           | 2019                    | On-Site            |
| Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice                       | Bachelors           | 2023                    | On-Site            |
| Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice                       | Bachelors           | 2024                    | Distance Education |
| Bachelor of Arts in Management                             | Bachelors           | 2020                    | Distance Education |
| Bachelor of Arts in Management                             | Bachelors           | 2019                    | On-Site            |
| Bachelor of Arts in Music and Worship Arts                 | Bachelors           | 2026                    | On-Site            |
| Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences              | Bachelors           | 2018                    | On-Site            |
| Bachelor of Science in Human Biology                       | Bachelors           | 2026                    | On-Site            |
| Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Pre-licensure Program | Bachelors           | 2018                    | On-Site            |
| Bachelor of Science in Nursing "RN to BSN"                 | Bachelors           | 2019                    | Distance Education |
| Biochemistry   | Bachelors           | 2008                    | On-Site            |
| Biological Sciences  | Bachelors           | 2008                    | On-Site            |
| Biology  | Bachelors           | 1975                    | On-Site            |
| Biotechnology, Bachelor of Science                         | Bachelors           | 2021                    | On-Site            |

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|--|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Biotechnology, Master of Science                                 | Masters             | 2022                    | On-Site            |
| Business Administration  | Bachelors           | 1988                    | On-Site            |
| Business Administration  | Bachelors           | 2022                    | Distance Education |
| Certificate in Anti-Human Trafficking                            | Non-degree          | 2016                    | On-Site            |
| Certificate in Anti-Human Trafficking                            | Non-degree          | 2016                    | Distance Education |
| Certificate in Clinical Nurse Specialist                         | Non-degree          | 2014                    | On-Site            |
| Certificate in Clinical Nurse Specialist                         | Non-degree          | 2024                    | Distance Education |
| Certificate in Early Childhood Education                         | Non-degree          | 2001                    | Distance Education |
| Certificate in Transitional Kindergarten                         | Non-degree          | 2016                    | Distance Education |
| Certificate of Ministry  | Non-degree          | 2024                    | On-Site            |
| Chemistry  | Bachelors           | 1982                    | On-Site            |
| Clinical Psychology  | Masters             | 1998                    | On-Site            |
| Clinical Psychology  | Masters             | 2022                    | Distance Education |
| Communication  | Bachelors           | 1979                    | On-Site            |
| Computer Science, Bachelor of Science                            | Bachelors           | 2021                    | On-Site            |
| Data Science, Bachelor of Science                                | Bachelors           | 2021                    | On-Site            |
| Digital Marketing and Public Relations                           | Bachelors           | 2026                    | On-Site            |
| Early Childhood  | Bachelors           | 2018                    | Distance Education |
| Early Childhood Education  | Bachelors           | 2012                    | Distance Education |
| Education  | Masters             | 1994                    | On-Site            |
| Educational Specialist (Special Ed) Teaching Credential          | Non-degree          | 2024                    | On-Site            |
| Engineering Physics, Bachelor of Science                         | Bachelors           | 2019                    | On-Site            |
| English  | Bachelors           | 1958                    | On-Site            |
| Graduate Certificate in Industrial and Organizational Psychology | Non-degree          | 2022                    | On-Site            |
| Graduate Certificate in Industrial and Organizational Psychology | Non-degree          | 2025                    | Distance Education |
| Graduate Certificate in Intercultural and Inclusive Leadership   | Non-degree          | 2020                    | Distance Education |
| Graduate Certificate in Talent & Leadership Development          | Non-degree          | 2026                    | Distance Education |

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| Graduate Certificate in Talent Analytics                      | Non-degree          | 2019                    | On-Site            |
| History/Political Science                                     | Bachelors           | 1975                    | On-Site            |
| Kinesiology   | Bachelors           | 1975                    | On-Site            |
| Leadership Studies  | Masters             | 1983                    | On-Site            |
| Liberal Studies   | Bachelors           | 1967                    | On-Site            |
| MA in Leadership Studies                                      | Masters             | 2017                    | Distance Education |
| Marketing   | Bachelors           | 1992                    | On-Site            |
| Master of Arts in Education                                   | Masters             | 2025                    | Distance Education |
| Master of Arts in Organizational Psychology                   | Masters             | 2019                    | On-Site            |
| Master of Arts in Theology                                    | Masters             | 2019                    | Distance Education |
| Master of Arts in Theology                                    | Masters             | 1991                    | On-Site            |
| Master of Psychology in Talent and Organization Development   | Masters             | 2025                    | Distance Education |
| Master of Science in Industrial and Organizational Psychology | Masters             | 2014                    | On-Site            |
| Master of Science in Industrial and Organizational Psychology | Masters             | 2023                    | Distance Education |
| Masters of Professional Accountancy                           | Masters             | 2025                    | On-Site            |
| Mathematics   | Bachelors           | 1969                    | On-Site            |
| Ministry Management   | Bachelors           | 2026                    | On-Site            |
| Music   | Bachelors           | 1948                    | On-Site            |
| Music Education   | Bachelors           | 2013                    | On-Site            |
| Nursing   | Masters             | 2012                    | On-Site            |
| Nursing   | Masters             | 2023                    | Distance Education |
| Organizational Communication                                  | Bachelors           | 2026                    | On-Site            |
| Performance   | Bachelors           | 2013                    | On-Site            |
| PreK-Grade 3 Teaching Credential Program                      | Non-degree          | 2024                    | Distance Education |
| Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner certificate      | Non-degree          | 2023                    | On-Site            |
| Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner certificate      | Non-degree          | 2024                    | Distance Education |
| Psychology  | Bachelors           | 1954                    | On-Site            |

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|---|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Psychology  | Bachelors           | 2020                    | Distance Education |
| Psychology Bachelor of Arts                             | Bachelors           | 2021                    | Distance Education |
| RN to BSN   | Bachelors           | 2008                    | On-Site            |
| RN to MSN (Master of Science in Nursing) Nurse Educator | Masters             | 2024                    | Distance Education |
| Sociology   | Bachelors           | 1974                    | On-Site            |
| Theatre   | Bachelors           | 1997                    | On-Site            |
| Theology  | Bachelors           | 1939                    | On-Site            |
| Theology  | Bachelors           | 2016                    | Distance Education |
| Worship Studies   | Bachelors           | 2013                    | On-Site            |

## Upcoming Reviews

| <b>Season</b> | <b>Year Level</b> | <b>Review Type</b>  |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Fall          | 2028              | Special Visit       |
| Fall          | 2028              | Special Visit       |
| Fall          | 2032              | Offsite Review      |
| Spring        | 2033              | Accreditation Visit |