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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 Finanicial 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

OPEID	Location Name	City	Location Type	Status
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

Degree	Degree Level	Year Implemented	Modality
Accounting	Bachelors	1992	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 Human Biology	Bachelors	2026	On-Site
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Pre-licensure Program	Bachelors	2018	On-Site
Biochemistry	Bachelors	2008	On-Site
Biology	Bachelors	1975	On-Site
Biotechnology, Bachelor of Science	Bachelors	2021	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

Degree	Degree Level	Year Implemented	Modality
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
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
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	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
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 Theology	Masters	2019	Distance Education
Master of Arts in Theology	Masters	1991	On-Site
Master of Science in Industrial and Organizational Psychology	Masters	2023	Distance Education

Degree	Degree Level	Year Implemented	Modality
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
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
Psychology	Bachelors	2020	Distance Education
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

Season	Year Level	Review Type
Fall	2028	Special Visit
Fall	2032	Offsite Review
Spring	2033	Accreditation Visit