



## **Office of Accreditation, Compliance and Institutional Effectiveness 2025 - 2026**

### **Bethune-Cookman University Representation Statements for All Constituents**

#### **Institutional Mission**

The mission of Bethune-Cookman University is to educate a diverse community of learners to become responsible, productive citizens and solution seekers through the promotion of faith, scholarship, creative endeavors, leadership and service.

*Revised and approved by the Bethune-Cookman University Board of Trustees, January 17, 2020*

#### **Institutional Accreditation**

##### **The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)**

Bethune-Cookman University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award the baccalaureate and master's degrees. Bethune-Cookman University also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of Bethune-Cookman University may be directed in writing to Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling 404-679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website ([www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org)).

#### **Florida Department of Education Authorization**

Bethune-Cookman University, a nonprofit independent postsecondary education institution, is chartered and located in, and authorized by the State of Florida to operate educational programs beyond the secondary level in Florida and grant postsecondary diplomas and degrees. The University, accredited by SACSCOC, is exempt from the Commission for Independent Education (CIE) licensure and is eligible to participate in Florida's student financial aid programs.

#### **Institutional Carnegie Classification**

Bethune-Cookman University is classified by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as **Baccalaureate Colleges: Arts & Sciences Focus**.

#### **Institutional Religious Affiliation**

##### **The University Senate General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church**

Bethune-Cookman University is approved for listing as a United Methodist Church-related University by the University Senate General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church.