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# Press Release

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## **Educación Nazarena Teológica Especializada and American Baptist Theological Center Academia de Liderazgo y Estudios Teológicos Receive AETH Certification**

ORLANDO, Florida – The Association for Hispanic Theological Education, AETH, celebrates and congratulates the staff, faculty, and students of the Educación Nazarena Teológica Especializada (ENTE) and the American Baptist Theological Center Academia de Liderazgo y Estudios Teológicos (ABTC / ALET) for completing all the requirements for the status of AETH Certified Bible Institute.

The Certification that AETH grants is recognized by the Association of Theological Schools. This Certification indicates compliance with minimum educational and institutional standards and recognizes that such programs meet the expectations of equivalence of studies at the university baccalaureate level. The AETH Certification not only contributes to the improvement of the quality of the programs offered to Hispanic leadership but also opens doors for graduates of those programs to continue master's level studies in ATS member seminars that accept such certification as a valid criterion and sufficient for admission to such programs.

The certificate warrants the relevance and top quality of the programs offered by the educational entities. With this service, AETH is closing the gap between what happens in Bible Institutes and what happens in formal theological education in seminaries. Learn more here: [Certification Program](#).

### **About Educación Nazarena Teológica Especializada**

The Church of the Nazarene is a Protestant Christian church in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition. Organized in 1908, the denomination is now home to about 2.5 million members worshipping in more than 30,000 congregations in 165 world areas. Educación Nazarena Teológica Especializada (ENTE) was established with the intention of reaching all Christians who wish to prepare in ministerial education for recognition of the Church of the Nazarene in ordination, or to be leaders with Biblical Theological tools to be more effective in their local, district or regional ministry. ENTE's staff is made up of a group of pastors and leaders eager for every Christian to have the tools and the knowledge of the Word of God to face the demands of this demanding world.

### **About American Baptist Theological Center Academia de Liderazgo y Estudios Teológicos**

On August 1, 1988, the American Baptist Theological Center came into existence under the direction of Dr. Eduardo Font. A few weeks before that date, on July 23, ABC students transferred from the ABSW-Southwest Extension met for the first time on the property of Fuller Theological Seminary, in Payton Hall, Room 303. These students and the ABC alumni already at Fuller, as well as the new generations that would follow them, were the immediate reason for the creation of the ABTC. The special considerations of these two institutions, the Seminary and the La Verne University, enabled American Baptists then, and enable them now, to offer American Baptist constituencies a first-class, accredited education at an affordable cost. Almost twenty-five years have passed since the organization of ABTC. Hundreds of students have filled the classrooms and graduated from one or both schools. Most of them serve in Southern California; the remainder are in other states or abroad. Graduates have been in Mexico, Bolivia, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Bethlehem, Gaza, and China, as well as elsewhere. The Center currently serves more than one hundred students enrolled. ABTC helps prepare leaders who will have a significant impact on the great mission field we have in our country. This nonprofit educational organization has been instrumental since its formation more than 30 years ago, helping to train hundreds of Christian leaders.

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