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## **NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to [M.G.L. c. 69, § 30](#) and the [Massachusetts Board of Higher Education's Policy Establishing a Process for Public Comment on Articles of Organization and Foreign Certificates of Institutions of Higher Education that the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education](#) will open a comment period relative to the **Articles of Amendment filed by Gordon-Conwell to offer the Doctor of Philosophy in Theological Studies.**

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (GCTS) is an independent, non-profit, NECHE accredited institution located in Hamilton, Massachusetts. GCTS is authorized to "...provide graduate education in theology and religion and instruction and training in Christian missions, evangelism, pastoral ministry, education, and humanitarianism activities..." with the authority to grant the Master of Arts in Global Leadership, Master of Arts in Christian Ministries, Master of Arts in Christian Leadership, Master of Arts in Theological Studies, Master of Arts in Educational Ministry, Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation, Master of Arts in Urban Ministry Leadership, Master of Arts in Urban Ministry, Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies, Master of Arts in Religion, Master of Arts in Biblical Studies, Master of Arts in Old Testament, Master of Arts in New Testament, Master of Arts in Church History, Master of Arts in Biblical Languages, Master of Arts in Christian Thought, Master of Arts in Theology, Master of Arts in Ethics & Society, Master of Arts in Christian Studies, Master of Arts in World Missions and Evangelism, Master of Arts in Youth Ministry, Master of Arts in Counseling, Master of Arts in Christian Counseling, Master of Divinity, Master of Theology, Master of Theological Studies, Doctor of Ministry, and Doctor of Divinity. In its current petition, GCTS is seeking authorization to award the Doctor of Philosophy in Theological Studies.

The public comment period for the Articles of Amendment filed by Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary to offer the Doctor of Philosophy in Theological Studies begins on April 3, 2024 and ends on April 24, 2024. Written comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted at any time prior to 5:00pm on April 24, 2024 directing the same to the following:

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**Postal Mail:**

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Attn: Kristen Stone, Director for Academic and Veterans Affairs

Please submit electronic comments as an attached Word document and type "GCTS PHD Theological Studies" in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. For special accommodations for submission of public comments or information regarding submission of public comments in an alternative format, please contact Kristen Stone.