



Bay State College

January 16, 2023

Dear Bay State Students,

I am sorry to have to write to you today with bad news. The New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) has decided to withdraw Bay State College's accreditation at the end of August 2023. Without NECHE accreditation, the College will not be able to disburse Title IV or VA funding to its students for classes after August. This is not the outcome we expected and, frankly, we are heartbroken. The College's Board of Trustees has voted to appeal this decision.

Our thoughts are first for you, our students, and your well-being. We put all of our energies into maintaining our accreditation so we could continue offering you the individualized educational pathway that drew you here, and which you have come to expect. Now, it is time to think about the future, as the College best serves you through this process.

It is important to emphasize that we will remain open minimally through the end of August, and we will continue to deliver high quality education. If you are scheduled to graduate in May or August 2023, this decision will not affect your progress to your degree. Nursing graduates for May and August will remain eligible to take NCLEX and become a licensed registered nurse.

If you were scheduled to graduate after August 2023, the College is committed to working to give you transfer options to another institution in as seamless way as possible. We are in the process of arranging transfer agreements with several area schools. Students may also choose to transfer to another college of their choice, as Bay State credits are and will remain transferrable to all colleges and universities.

Finally, if you wish to forego this semester, there is a process for withdrawal, and you will not be charged for this semester. Students who enrolled for the first time for Spring 2023 will also get their deposits back if they choose to withdraw. You may withdraw by filing the appropriate forms with the Office of Outplacement Services. **The College has extended the date of add/drop to Friday, January 20, 2023.**

We have people on campus to support you through this last semester. Bay State College's Office of Outplacement Services has dedicated staff members on both the Boston and Taunton campuses to support all of our students through these last terms. If you have any questions, you can reach the Office by calling 617-217-9080, or emailing outplacement@baystate.edu. **The Office of Outplacement Services will be open at 9:00am, Tuesday, January 17.**

We will also communicate regularly with you throughout the spring.

Sincerely,

Jeff Mason
Interim President
Bay State College