



Bay State College

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Dear Bay State Students,

I write to give you an update on Bay State College. As you know, 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. The College's Board of Trustees voted to appeal this decision, and we filed our formal Notice of Appeal on January 23. In alignment with Department of Education requirements, Bay State will allow students to withdraw through February 21.

Again, our thoughts are first for you, our students, and your well-being. We will continue to work with you to complete 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 at a minimum 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. PTA graduates for May and August will also remain eligible for their licensure examinations.

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 have completed transfer agreements with several area schools. Students may also choose to transfer to another college of their choice, and students should remain mindful that any evaluation and decision on transfer credits are made by the college to which the student transfers. Bay State Students may obtain free transcripts by contacting the Registrar's Office at registrarsoffice@baystate.edu.

We continue to have people on campus to support you through these semesters. 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 is open from 9:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday.**

We will continue to communicate regularly with you throughout the spring.

Sincerely,

Jeff Mason
Interim President
Bay State College