

In the event of institutional closure, Westfield State will, at a minimum, observe the procedures stated in the New England Association of Schools and Institutions (NEASC) document entitled, “Considerations When Closing an Institution of Higher Education” available at <https://cihe.neasc.org/> as well as the closure guidelines of the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education for Independent schools available at <http://www.mass.edu/foradmin/closures/home.asp>, including the identification of a back-up or other entity to safeguard student records in such a case. Both the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education and NEASC post information about obtaining access to records from closed institutions on their websites at <http://www.mass.edu/forstufam/diplomas/closedinst.asp> <https://cihe.neasc.org/information-public/merged-closed-or-previously-accredited-institutions> respectively.

In the event that Westfield State University decides to discontinue a program before all enrolled students have completed their program of study, the University will implement a teach-out plan in accordance with the requirements of its accreditor, NEASC. NEASC’s policy on Teach-Out Plans and Teach-Out Agreements is posted at [https://cihe.neasc.org/sites/cihe.neasc.org/files/downloads/POLICIES/Pp13aTeach\\_Out\\_Plans\\_And\\_Agreements\\_Policy](https://cihe.neasc.org/sites/cihe.neasc.org/files/downloads/POLICIES/Pp13aTeach_Out_Plans_And_Agreements_Policy)