

Joint Press Release
CIHE of NEASC and COLLEGE OF ST. JOSEPH, RUTLAND, VT

College of St. Joseph is asked to Show Cause by Accreditor

Burlington, MA At its meeting on April 19, 2018, the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, NEASC, voted to ask College of St. Joseph to show cause why it should not be placed on probation because the Commission has reason to believe that the College may not be in compliance with the Commission's standard on *Institutional Resources*. Prior to its show-cause review, College of St. Joseph is asked to submit a report to demonstrate that it is compliant with the standard, or that plans and access to resources are in place to make it possible for the institution to become compliant with the standard within two years.

The show-cause review, scheduled for June 28, 2018, will be attended by the Commission and representatives of College of St. Joseph. After reviewing the institution's report and meeting with the institution, the Commission will decide whether or not to place College of St. Joseph on probation for a period not to exceed two years, consistent with federal regulation. During the period of probation, students attending College of St. Joseph remain eligible for Title IV financial aid. Probation can be appealed by the institution.

If the institution is not placed on probation, the Commission will determine future monitoring.

The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, NEASC, is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a reliable authority as to the quality of education. The Commission accredits 224 institutions in the six New England states and nine American-style institutions in other countries.

College of St. Joseph is located in Rutland, Vermont. Offering associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees, it has been accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education since 1972. College of St. Joseph is an independent Catholic institution.

Further information may be found at:

Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, NEASC: <https://cihe.neasc.org>

College of St. Joseph: <https://www.csj.edu>

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