

Joint Press Release
CIHE of NEASC and LINCOLN COLLEGE OF NEW ENGLAND, SOUTHTON, CT

Lincoln College of New England is asked to Show Cause by Accreditor

Burlington, MA At its meeting on April 20, 2018, the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, NEASC, voted to ask Lincoln College of New England 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 standards on *Planning and Evaluation; Organization and Governance; The Academic Program; Students; Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship; Institutional Resources; and Educational Effectiveness*. Prior to its show-cause review, Lincoln College of New England is asked to submit a report to demonstrate that it is compliant with the standards, or that plans and access to resources are in place to make it possible for the institution to become compliant with the standards within two years.

The show-cause review, scheduled for June 28, 2018, will be attended by the Commission and representatives of Lincoln College of New England. After reviewing the institution's report and meeting with the institution, the Commission will decide whether or not to place Lincoln College of New England on probation for a period not to exceed two years, consistent with federal regulation. During the period of probation, students attending Lincoln College of New England 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.

Lincoln College of New England, formerly Briarwood College, is located in Southington, Connecticut. Offering associate's and bachelor's degrees, it has been accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education since 2006. Lincoln College of New England is owned by Lincoln Educational Services Corporation.

Further information may be found at:

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

Lincoln College of New England: <http://www.lincolncollegene.edu>

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