

Joint Press Release
CIHE of NEASC and NEWBURY COLLEGE, BROOKLINE, MA

Newbury College 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 Newbury College to show cause why it should not be placed on probation because the Commission has reason to believe that Newbury College may not be in compliance with the Commission's standard on *Institutional Resources*. Prior to its show-cause review, Newbury College 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 Newbury College. After reviewing the institution's report and meeting with the institution, the Commission will decide whether or not to place Newbury College on probation for a period not to exceed two years, consistent with federal regulation. During the period of probation, students attending Newbury College 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.

"Newbury College recognizes and values the important role the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges has in upholding and protecting the integrity and quality of higher education," said Newbury College President Dr. Joseph L. Chillo. "Newbury, like a number of private institutions both locally and nationally, has been confronted with past enrollment challenges that have created financial pressures. However, our commitment to our students' educational experience has led to a number of recent strategic initiatives and partnerships that will ensure Newbury remains a vibrant and high-quality institution. We acknowledge the Commission's concern about the College's ability to meet the standard on Institutional Resources, but Newbury is confident our upcoming show-cause review will demonstrate why the institution is well-positioned to capably and effectively continue to serve its students and graduates, both now and well into the future."

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.

Newbury College is located in Brookline, Massachusetts. Offering associate's and bachelor's degrees, it has been accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education since 2000. Newbury College is a private, independent college.

Further information may be found at:

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

Newbury College: <http://www.newbury.edu>

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